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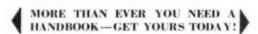
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# **EDITORIALS**

E HAVE a birthday! Fifteen years ago this month, when the American Radio Relay League was only a year and a half old, the first issue of QST was brought out. Published privately by Hiram Percy Maxim and Clarence D. Tuska, the founders of the League, in response to the need which had been found for some sort of regular bulletin, its object was "to help maintain the organization of the A.R.R.L. and to keep the Amateur Wireless Operators of the country in constant touch with each other.

There is just one copy of this precious first issue at Headquarters. We dug it out of the safe to-day and had a look at it for the first time in years. Old and battered, what joyous memories this little blue-covered booklet of twenty-four pages brought back to us! Your present editor was a young lad back in Illinois in those days, struggling with the intricacies of "wireless" and rapidly getting nowhere at all. QST came as manna from heaven. And did we know whether we wanted to subscribe or not! The publishers hoped that after financing three issues the magazine would find enough response to carry itself. They advertised that "Every

amateur will help himself and help his fellows by sending in twenty-five cents for a three-months trial subscription." Our two bits, we remember, started for Hartford that same day, and there were enough others who thought the same way to carry QST on to its present indispensable position in our radio lives.

How we realize our venerable age when we let it sink in that all that was fifteen years ago! And what perfectly tremendous changes there have been since then! Those were the toddling days of amateur radio, when all transmission was by spark, with the rotary gap gaining favor, when most reception was on crystal detectors, with a fortunate amateurs owning "audions." Let pause and shed a tear for those childhood days then life was simpler. Honestly, they were

well in many ways!

The first issue of QST had ten pages of reading latter and seven pages of paid advertisements, the rest given over to data and notices. The war was on in Europe and the United States

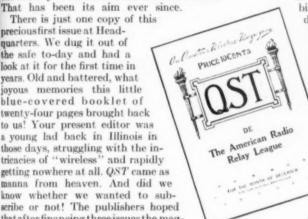
was becoming national-defense conscious. We find the President of the League writing to the Secretary of War and the Secretary of the Navy, offering the facilities of the League. Editor Tuska comments that "The great possibilities of the American Radio Relay League, with its organization of over six hundred relay stations in nearly every state of the Union, are bound to attract prominent attention." In that first issue, too, QST started its campaign for "precise, orderly

and efficient" traffic handling. "Reliability & Celerity" was a slogan of the day — only the printer spelled it "celebrity." Regular hours for working were stressed by the editor, for, 'unless the other man is a regular nighthawk and sits up half the night every night in the week,

he misses him.'

The leading (and the only) technical article in this issue was "Pictured Electro-Magnetic Waves," by Clarence D. Tuska, Assoc. I. R. E., he who was our first secretary and editor. Talk about technical, you fellows who think QST is "too technical!" It started out that

way. This article was very much too technical, with all those queer pictures of electro-magnetic and electro-static strain lines around a vertical antenna - you know, those funny diagrams we never could understand. There was other technical material, too, in the way of photos of several stations of members. Three pages were given over to a list of new members of the League, every one with call letters but a few of them still self-assigned initials, for the radio law was not yet operating in remote sections of the country. Members in those days had to fill out a two-page questionnaire in making application. DX was but a few miles and a man's equipment had to be known before his desirability as a relay station could be deduced. Applicants had to describe their aerials, including "number of wires in aerial and space between," and answer "Do you use a spark coil or transformer?" and "Is your spark gap rotary, fixed or quenched?" The League advertised for sale its "List of Stations Book," tabulating the relay stations of the A.R.R.L. This book "shows what relay stations are within your range; gives name of owner, complete address, call letters, sending power, kind



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cal use. ving in r types. **APANY**  of gap used, number of words can receive per minute, listening-in hours, what license is held, telephone connection or not." That, folks, was the forerunner of the Handbook.

But the "ads" in that first number! You youngsters who know amateur radio only in terms of high-frequency tube transmission and screengrid detection and are bored stiff with any DX under ten thousand miles really missed a lot, and don't you forget it. What grief the old-timers encountered, what a rotten ratio of dollars-permile their investments gave them! But what real thrills were theirs when the old junk-pile did percolate and they clicked with another equally thrilled chap at the tremendous DX of 278 miles! Believe it or not, it all happened. So in this first issue of QST we find advertisements of the apparatus of the day. Prominent is the rotary gap, "required in every transmitting station by the Federal authorities" because "this type of gap produces a pure wave of low damping decrement, a note that "cannot be mistaken for static." Hi! And do you remember the very essential double-pole double-throw switch to short the 'phones while sending, to keep from burning your ears off! Then there was a Universal Detector Stand, "capable of holding crystals up to and including 34." No, not quartz plates, but rectifying crystals for detectors. This one was a complicated gadget with a hollow standard, a ball, a spring, a thumb-screw, an arm, a set-screw and a few more jiggers, so made that it "remains permanently in adjustment under jars and vibrations of every description." You poor moderns who never had a real hot argument as to whether it was better to use a silicon detector with a hard blunt point or a galena crystal with a cat-whisker made of a strand of iron wire taken from a piece of what used to be called "picture wire" missed a really precious part of amateur life.

There were many other interesting ads, too: Duck's Big Wireless Catalog, on which so many of us of that day were raised; Arnold's loose-coupler guaranteed to "tune up to 3500 meters on a fair size Antenna"; that ingenious microphone amplifier, the Multi-Audi-Phone, with its typical testimonials; several brands of 'phones; a page of Mignon's original and very pretty longwave receivers — and just one advertisement of an audion detector. And there was a "straight-line key" with the merit that "fading signals caused by varying resistance of contact points are entirely eliminated."

What a story of radio progress and amateur accomplishment is presented by the pages of QST for the past fifteen years! To get a startling comparison one has only to contemplate the small transmitter described in our columns last month. apparatus which, at a total cost of forty-five dollars including power supply and tubes, will send signals half way around the world. When our first issue appeared this money would just about pay for a one-inch spark-coil transmitter, normal DX five city blocks, world's record ninety miles with nobody able to understand how the chap had done it. Of course there was romance aplenty in the crash of a good blue-white spark, and wetnursing an electrolytic interrupter was an excellent apprenticeship in radio engineering, but nowadays we use our watts for communicating instead of for the creation of heat, light and sound. We look back with justifiable pride upon those fifteen years and the part that QST has played in their development. QST has an enviable position in radio literature to-day, a place which demonstrates the soundness of the fundamental ideas of our founders. Ours is a cooperatively maintained magazine, successful because every one of us, as members of the League, feels a personal interest in QST and does his bit to help. It is a splendid example of the ability of American amateurs to build together, something of which we think each one of us can be proud to-day.

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# Strays \*\*

The annual index to QST for 1930 (Volume XIV) has been published as the second section of the December number, and sent to every member of the League. Newsstand readers may obtain a copy of this index for 4 cents in stamps.

QST's unusual cover illustration this month comes as a contribution from the Radio and Television Institute, of Chicago. It is the work of Mr. P. E. Willman, art director of that school, and was provided through the kind coöperation of Mr. F. H. Schnell, their chief of staff, to both of whom grateful acknowledgment is made.

A newspaper write-up on a BCL set mentions the fact that it has a total of seven tubes, including the *pacifier* tube. Evidently the Milkotron has found a commercial application already!

An interesting booklet entitled "The Photolytic Cell" is being published by the Photo-Electric Division of the Arcturus Radio Tube Company, Newark, N. J. There are five chapters, devoted to discussions on photo-electric phenomena, present-day photo-electric cells, the photolytic cell, the light source, and amplifiers. The price is twenty-five cents.

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## A Two-Tube A.C. Receiver

By George Grammer, Assistant Technical Editor

HOSE who follow the trend of amateur radio in QST cannot help but be conscious of two important developments in receiver construction. We refer, of course, to the a.c.-operated receiver and the screen-grid detector. Several times in the past year the thorough practicability of the a.c. receiver has been pointed out; and the testimony of Rydberg, Doty and other experimenters, as well as the graphical study by Robinson, certainly must have convinced the most skeptical that the screen-grid detector is capable of greater sensitivity than the triode.

Some experiments in the QST laboratory with screen-grid detectors convinced us that, for c.w. reception at least, a twotube receiver will give all the sensitivity and volume that the average amateur requiresspeaking, of course, of the man who prefers to wear 'phones instead of receiving via the loudspeaker. Admittedly more care is needed in stringing the receiving antenna and adjusting it for best results when the detector is not isolated from it by a coupling tube; but the chap who is willing to give the

antenna question a little attention will have few difficulties.

Aside from the greater sensitivity of the Type '24 tube as a detector and the consequent desirability of using it with any type of receiver, there is a great deal of satisfaction in being able to plug into a light socket to get power to run the set—and know that there is no battery to be charged after several hours of continuous operation.

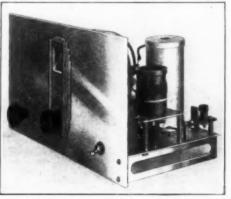
We must confess, however, that there is one thing lacking in the receiver. When planning the set a means of controlling volume was not given a thought, since it was not expected that two tubes would give more than comfortable signal strength. It should have been incorporated, however, because the set really needs one. The "sock" of many ham signals is too great for real comfort, especially with a good receiving antenna.

The circuit is the "old standby" regenerative

detector and one stage audio, capacitively coupled to the antenna, and with such modifications as are necessary or desirable for a.c. tubes. Most amateurs need no introduction to this arrangement, having used it at one time or another in their "ham" experience. A diagram is shown in Fig. 1, and the various photographs show the arrangement of the apparatus.

The panel is a piece of \( \frac{1}{8}\)-inch sheet aluminum, 7 inches high and 12 inches wide. On it are mounted the drum dial which controls the tuning condenser, the regeneration control resistor, and

the "B" cut-off switch. The remaining apparatus is mounted on the subpanel, which is also sheet aluminum, 12 inches wide and 6 inches deep. The sub-panel mounting brackets (Silver-Marshall) are one inch high. The sub-panel method of construction is used for several reasons, chief of which is the desirability of separating the r.f. and power wiring as much as possible and shielding them from each other. The metal sub-panel accomplishes both these things. In addition practically all wiring is concealed, with the result that the receiver pre-



THE FRONT PANEL AND PART OF THE "CHASSIS"

This photograph shows the detail of the coil and antenna condenser mountings. The detector tube shield is also visible.

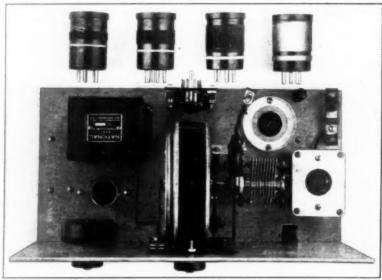
sents a neat appearance when being exhibited to

Three five-prong sockets are required, one for the plug-in coils and two for the tubes; the variety used in this particular set are sub-panel sockets of the type widely used by broadcast-receiver manufacturers. It is not necessary to use the same style, of course, although they lend themselves nicely to sub-panel wiring and are inconspicuous. Some of the mail-order houses carry them if they are difficult to obtain locally. However, substitution of the garden variety of socket will add few difficulties to the construction and will affect the performance not a whit. As a matter of fact, the same is true of most of the other apparatus in the set; parts that are incorporated in it, with the exception of only one or two items, were used simply because they were available or because they had a pleasing appearance worthy enough reasons for any constructor, but

having very little to do with the actual electrical performance of the set. On the other hand, a different tuning condenser and a dial not of the drum type will probably necessitate an entirely different layout for the receiver. The same constructional principles will apply in any case; so that even though a radical change in the layout is made there need be no sacrifice of efficiency.

The tuning condenser is a National Type SE-100 with several plates removed for band-spreadand tuning condenser. The mounting for the coil socket is made from a piece of \$1/16\th-inch aluminum 2 inches by \$2\frac{1}{2}\$ inches, supported at each corner by brass sleeves \$1\frac{3}{8}"\$ long bolted to the sub-panel.

The antenna coupling condenser is mounted on a 2-inch strip of bakelite which is supported above the sub-panel by two spacers sufficiently long to give ample clearance for the screws holding the condenser and antenna binding post. The con-



THE TOP OF THE SUB-PANEL

The audio coupler, audio amplifier tube socket and regeneration-control resistor are to the left of the drum dial. Connections are brought out to the cable socket to the rear of the dial. Tip-jacks for the 'phones are mounted on this socket. This photo also shows the method of mounting the tuning condenser, grid condenser and leak, and shows the coil socket and antenna condenser mountings from another angle. The ground binding post is mounted on the sub-panel between the detector tube socket and the antenna condenser.

ing. The drum dial is a National Type HS, which is the projector dial with special mounting brackets for the Type SE condenser. To the right of the condenser, as shown in the top view of the receiver, is the mounting for the coil socket, and just behind the latter is the mounting for the antenna coupling condenser and the antenna binding post. The reason for these two special mountings is obvious when it is remembered that the sub-panel is metal. There are really several reasons for the special coil socket mounting, however. First of all, with the type of socket used all the connections would have had to be made under the sub-panel if the socket had been mounted directly on it; this was undesirable because all r.f. wiring should be above the subpanel, insofar as possible, to isolate it from the other wiring. Raising the socket keeps the r.f. wiring above the sub-panel, and in addition makes possible short, direct leads between coil socket

denser itself consists of two strips of thin brass about a half inch wide, bent as shown in the photograph. One strip, a simple right-angle bend, is held in place by the antenna binding post; the other is fastened to the bakelite strip by a small machine screw and nut. This piece is bent around the vertical portion of the other strip in the form of a narrow "U". The separation between the two is about 1/16th inch. Greater or less coupling may be desirable in certain cases; the larger the capacity of the condenser the greater is the signal strength, within limits, but as the capacity is increased the selectivity decreases, so that a compromise between signal strength and selectivity's necessary to suit individual tastes. In general, with a good-sized receiving antenna the conderser should be small; with a short indoor antenss more capacity is allowable. The size shown is set isfactory for a medium-sized antenna (length about 50 feet).

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SPREADING THE BANDS

To spread the various bands satisfactorily the capacity ratio of the tuning condenser must be adjusted for each band so that stations will not be unduly crowded. With a high-ratio vernier dial it is not altogether advantageous to spread the bands over too great a portion of the scale; beyond a certain point there is no gain in ease of adjustment, and the amount of time required to tune over a band is out of proportion to its width. This particular condenser and dial are designed for 270-degree rotation, with a 150division scale. A spread of 50 to 75 divisions is ample for easy tuning - covering a band after a CQ is a laborious process with greater spread because of the high vernier ratio of the dial - and ultra-fine adjustments of the number of turns on

the coils and the spacing between tuning condenser plates (always necessary if a band is to cover very nearly the whole dial scale) is not required. In addition the overlap allows some leeway in changing detector tubes and antennas; a tube with slightly different interelement capacity than the one for which the coils were cut will not throw part of the band off the scale, and neither will an antenna of different charac-

teristics.

This type of tuning condenser is a particularly easy one to alter for band spreading, since the stationary plates can be removed without difficulty. The nuts holding the stationary plate assembly to the insulating strip on the front of the condenser should be removed; then the two screws holding the rear strip to the frame should be taken out and the stationary plates can be lifted out. The condenser as revamped for this receiver has two stationary sections insulated from each other. One consists of one plate and the other of two, each section being mounted on one of the insulating strips. Three-quarter inch 6/32 machine screws are used to hold the two stator sections in place. Fig. 2 shows more clearly how these changes are made.

The connections between the condenser and the coil socket are made as shown in Fig. 3. The single plate alone may be used, or the two sections may be connected in parallel. With the single-plate stator only, the 7000- and 14,000-kc. bands will be amply spread on the dial scale, while with the two sections in parallel the 1750- and 3500-kc. bands will cover a goodly portion of the dial. The change from one condenser section alone to two in parallel is made automatically by connecting a

jumper between the coil-form prongs which connect to the two stator sections of the tuning condenser when the coil is placed in the socket.

The grid condenser and leak are mounted directly on the tuning condenser. This is done by removing one of the small 6/32 screws from the fixed condenser and fastening the condenser to the frame of the tuning condenser by one of the screws which holds the single stator-plate section in place.

SUB-PANEL WIRING

The detector tube socket is just behind the tuning condenser in the top view of the receiver. This tube has an individual tube-shield can. The audio amplifier socket is to the left of the drum dial, and the coupling unit is mounted on the sub-panel behind it. All connections are brought out to a

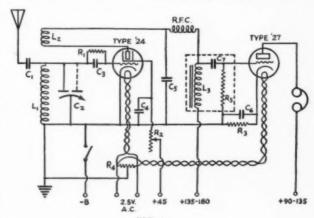


FIG. 1. C1 - Antenna coupling condenser;

see text for details C2 - Split stator condenser; see text

 $C_3 - 100 \mu \mu fd$ .

 $C_4$  — .5  $\mu fd$ . Co - 200 µµfd.

Co - 1.0 ufd.

R<sub>2</sub> - 100,000-ohm variable resistor

R3 - 2000 ohms

R4 - 20-ohm center-tapped resistor RFC — Receiver-type r.f. choke
La, Cz, Rs — National Screen-Grid

Detector Coupler, Type S-101. If a home-made coupling is assembled, C: should be about .006 \(\mu fd\). and Rs, 2-4 megohms. See text for details of La.

COIL DATA 10 turns No. 32 s.c.c. 6 No. 30 s.c.c. Lı 1750 70 turns No. 32 s.c.c. 3500 37 " 19 " No. 22 d.s.c. 7000 26 25 14,000 8

All coils are close-wound except the 14,000-kc. grid coil. The spacing between turns on this coil is adjusted until the band is covered. Spacing is approximately half the diameter of the wire.

> Yaxley cable socket, upon which are also mounted tip-jacks for the 'phones.

> The arrangement of the parts and wiring underneath the sub-panel is shown in another photograph. All connections are made with flexible braid-covered "hook-up" wire, and it will be noticed that no attempt has been made to make the wiring "look pretty." The parts are so arranged that the few r.f. leads which come below the sub-panel are as short and clear of other wir-

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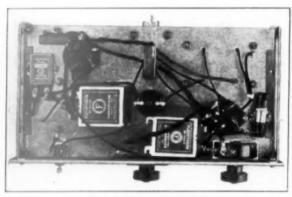
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ing as possible, and the leads to the heaters of the tubes and the dial light are as far from other wiring as the necessary placement of parts will permit. These leads, carrying 2.5 volts a.c., are twisted to reduce hum troubles from stray a.c. fields.

The end view of the receiver shows two wires from the coil socket going through the sub-panel. These are the tickler leads, and they may be seen



UNDER THE SUB-PANEL

The center-tapped resistor for the heater leads is mounted directly underneath the ground binding post. The small condenser to the left is the plate by-poss condenser; the one below the detector tube socket is the screen-grid by-poss condenser. The r.f. choke is in the center. The cathode resistor for the '27 is at the extreme right, held in place by a home-made bracket. The by-poss condenser across the resistor is mounted between the r.f. choke and the front panel. The metal piece behind the r.f. choke is a bracket which rests on the table and serres as a mechanical support for the sub-panel.

at the left in the bottom view. One, the B plus side, goes to the  $200-\mu\mu fd$ . plate by-pass condenser, and the other goes directly to the plate terminal on the detector tube socket.

Aside from these two r.f. wires and the heater leads, the arrangement of the parts and the other wiring is largely a matter of getting things to fit in. There are no particular precautions to be observed in laying out the audio frequency equipment and wiring nor the "B" leads.

#### COIL ADJUSTMENTS

The coils are wound on 5-prong manufactured forms 1½ inches in diameter. The specifications given are not to be followed too religiously, because undoubtedly there will have to be cutting and trying to get the bands to come within the desired limits on the dial scale and to get smooth control of oscillation. Probably the best plan to follow is to wind each of the coils with two or three turns more than specified; then, with the detector tube and antenna which will be used for regular reception, adjust the size of the antenna coupling condenser for best results; following this the coils themselves may be operated upon, if necessary. Since the size of the tickler coil affects the tuning range to some extent, it is well

to get the tickler fixed up first, after which small adjustments may be made to the grid coil to get the band on the dial. The coils should be adjusted so that the center of each band comes at about the center of the dial scale.

The adjustment of the tickler size is important if maximum signal strength is to be secured. A Type '24 screen-grid detector gives the best signals when the actual voltage on the screen is

approximately 22. Therefore every effort should be made to so adjust the tickler that the voltage on the screen will be 22 and not 10 volts or 40 volts. This is most easily done by first putting on a few more turns than will be needed; then, with the screen-grid lead connected to the 22-volt tap on the "B" battery or eliminator (if the latter make sure that the voltage is actually 22), take off tickler turns one at a time until the tube just oscillates with the regeneration-control resistor set so the resistance is all cut out. This adjustment should be made with the antenna and ground connected to the set because more screen-grid voltage is required to make the detector oscillate when the antenna is connected, and the object is to find the correct number of tickler turns to use under normal operating conditions. Then with 45 volts on the screen-grid tap the regeneration control resistor will be at about half scale for oscillation.

The size of the grid leak will have some effect on the smoothness of oscillation.

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In general, louder signals and smoother oscillation control will result if the resistance of the leak is as high as possible. 10 megohms is a good value; with less than 5 megohms the signal strength may drop off somewhat and the tube is likely to go into oscillation with a thump instead of "sliding" in.

#### THE AUDIO AMPLIFIER

Because of the high plate impedance of the screen-grid detector ordinary audio coupling transformers cannot be used, nor can the 'phones be placed directly in the detector plate circuit with satisfactory results. The National Screen-Grid Coupler used in this set is excellent for the purpose. Resistance coupling may be used, of course, in which case the resistor in the plate circuit of the detector should have a value of about 200,000 ohms. The signal strength will usually be greater with impedance than resistance coupling, and less plate voltage is required because of the smaller voltage drop through the impedance. The values of C7 and R5 will be the same with either resistance or impedance coupling. A good coupling impedance for the plate circuit of the '24 may be made by connecting the primary and secondary of an audio transformer

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in series; if this is done a good-quality transformer should be used. Peaked amplification may be used as well, substituting a tuned impedance for L<sub>4</sub>—a manufactured peaking device such as the Aero Hi-Peak will function satisfactorily. A peaked amplifier will help out considerably in reducing hum if hum is noticeable.

Automatic bias, supplied by the resistor  $R_3$  in series with the cathode of the Type '27 amplifier, maintains the grid of the amplifier at the correct operating point.  $R_3$  does not seem to be very critical, and 2000 ohms is a good value. The audio by-pass condenser,  $C_6$ , across the bias resistor may be omitted if desired, although its use increases the signal strength noticeably. It also increases the hum level in the same ratio, however.

The size of the r.f. by-pass condenser,  $C_5$ , is likely to have a considerable effect on the signal strength. The reactance of a condenser of even .001- $\mu$ fd. capacity (a common size of r.f. by-pass condenser) is low enough, compared to the impedance of the coupling device, to shunt a considerable portion of the audio energy away from the grid of the amplifier.  $C_5$  should not be larger than 250  $\mu$ mfd.

The shield about the detector tube requires some explanation, since it is not required for any reasons of receiver efficiency. When the set was first built a quite strong "induction" hum (distinctive as compared with filament hum because of its high pitch) was present - not a hum caused by a.c. operation of the tubes, since it was just as strong when the receiver was entirely d.c. operated. A little experimenting uncovered the cause. The house wiring itself set up a strong field to which the receiver was of course subjected. So long as the grid of the detector was connected to the filament through a high-resistance leak the induction hum was strong, although on shorting out the grid leak it disappeared. Naturally the hum could only be present when a difference of potential could exist between grid and filament, and the logical way to bring both to the same potential - with respect to the induction field was to connect the grid directly to the filament, which obviously could not be done, or to shield the tube. The latter was done and the induction disappeared almost entirely. The only point of pickup at present is the short length of grid lead from the grid condenser to the cap of the tube. The pickup from this lead is so small that it was not deemed necessary to shield it.

#### ANTENNA EFFECTS

There are a few disadvantages resulting from coupling the detector tube directly to the antenna, most of which can be overcome with care. One of these is the effect of the antenna on receiver tuning. Unless the antenna is tightly strung and rigidly supported there will be a waver in incoming signals when the antenna swings in

the wind. This is unlikely to happen with an indoor receiving antenna. A change in antennas will almost certainly change the calibration of the receiver, even though the bands may still be entirely within the limits of the dial scale. If the antenna coupling condenser is fairly large the selectivity of the receiver may suffer. For distant reception with an oscillating detector this is no disadvantage, but it is important with 'phone reception when the detector is not oscillating or if

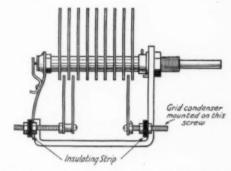


FIG. 2.—HOW THE TUNING CONDENSER IS
REMODELLED

The stator is made into two sections, insulated from each other, one consisting of a single plate and the other of two plates.

there are stations nearby whose signals are likely to "blot out" part of the band.

These things may be overcome in the receiver itself by the addition of an antenna coupling tube. On the other hand, the coupling tube adds comparatively little to the signal strength, and if the precautions with regard to the construction of the antenna and the coupling condenser are kept in mind little trouble will be experienced.

The question of "dead spots" is also important. If the fundamental or a harmonic of the antenna happens to resonate at some spot within the tuning range of the receiver it may be difficult, if not impossible, to make the detector oscillate in the vicinity of such resonance points. Lowering the capacity of the coupling condenser will generally help, although this often results in loss of signal strength on either side of the dead spot. The best remedy is to change the length of the antenna so that dead spots do not appear on any of the amateur bands. No exact specifications can be given, but a little experimenting with different antenna lengths will usually result in determination of a satisfactory length. When this has been done the regeneration control need hardly be touched to cover any one band unless it is desired to keep right on the very edge of regeneration.

While the set is built primarily for a.c. operation of the filaments, either batteries or "B" substitutes may be used for the plate and screengrid voltages. Many "B" substitutes, while entirely adequate for broadcast receivers or audio amplifiers, fall down miserably when used with short-wave receivers with oscillating detectors. This receiver works well with 135 volts of "B" batteries, and since the total current drain is only of the order of 5 or 6 milliamperes, the batteries will last a long time. In fact, the signal strength with only 90 volts on the detector plate is only slightly less than with 135. Some "B" substitutes give excellent results—if a well-filtered one is

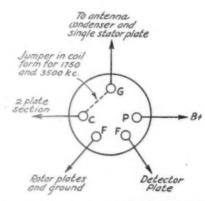


FIG. 3. — COIL FORM AND SOCKET CONNECTIONS

available a quick trial will show whether or not it is suitable. In one instance the hum with a particular "B" substitute was less than when batteries were used for the plate supply — probably due to some "hum-bucking" effect. One difficulty with "B" substitutes, however, even though they may be entirely satisfactory from the standpoint of hum elimination, is that variations in the line voltage may cause the signals to waver in the same way as a swinging antenna.

The amount of filament hum in the receiver seems to be almost entirely a function of the detector tube. Ordinarily the audio amplifier introduces no appreciable hum — if the audio tube alone hums it is a sign of a defective tube or wrong connections in the set. The center-tapped resistor across the heater leads eliminates most of the hum very effectively.

Detector tubes, however, will probably be found to vary considerably. With a good one the hum will be so low in volume that the 'phones have to be pressed tightly to the ears to hear it at all; with others it may be strong enough to be annoying. With average tubes the hum is usually so far below the signal and background level that it is not noticeable — in fact, it is usually necessary to disconnect the antenna to hear it with the tube oscillating. With some detector tubes it will be found that although a very weak hum may be heard with the tube not oscillating, this disappears entirely as soon as the tube goes into os-

cillation. With other tubes the reverse may be true. Since tube manufacturers are constantly striving to improve their product, it is reasonable to expect that less difficulty with hum will be experienced as time goes on. With only a small percentage of '24's will the hum be sufficiently strong to be bothersome unless the operator is excessively critical. The worst feature of a poor tube is the modulation it puts on the incoming signals. With such a tube no signals will be pure d.c.: if such is the case it is a sure indication that the tube is a "modulator" as well as a detector. Oddly enough, the amount of audible hum seems to be unrelated to signal modulation; a "modulator" tube may be perfectly quiet, and on the other hand a tube with a comparatively high hum level may not modulate the signals at all.

With this particular receiver, there was no difference in the amount of hum either with or without a ground connection, so long as the center-tap of the filament resistor was connected to the metal frame of the set, to which the negative "B" is also connected.

The switch in the negative "B" lead is a practical necessity if a transmitter is used and the operator does not care to have his ears deadened every time the key is pressed. A filament switch would be of little value, since the tubes continue to operate for some time after the filament current is turned off, and the time required for them to heat to an operating temperature after the current is switched on would make practical communication impossible.

In conclusion, we can say without qualification that the signal strength with a simple set of this type will surprise anyone not familiar with the results obtainable with screen-grid detectors. Many amateurs claim that a screen-grid detector and one stage of audio amplification is the equal of a detector and two audio stages using Type '01-A tubes. Even if the gain is not so great as that, it is certain that two tubes in such a rig will give much louder signals than the corresponding "detector and one step" — with a much greater gain in sensitivity to the weaker signals.

# Strays

W9FUR informs us that a very good map of the world can be purchased from the National Geographic Society, Washington, D. C., for one dollar. It is laid out in such a way that DX measurements are easily made.

The following was sent us from the Erie Dispatch-Herald of February 23, 1930, by Raymond Wagner:

"Sale — Aero call short-wave converter, must be water-heater; gent's bicycle, 30-inch wheels, child's auto, large wheels, an old-fashioned bed, Freid-Eisman radio and speaker."

Someone, please page Warshawsky.

# Amateur Radio at Eastern States Exposition

By Clinton B. DeSoto

W1ESE you heard during the week of September 14th-20th last fall? It wasn't listed in any call book and . . . you're right! There's a story behind it all.

The call W1ESE derived both its initials and its existence from the Eastern States Exposition, "America's premier industrial and agricultural exhibition." The station, which was part of an extensive program of cooperation between Junior Achievement, Inc. and the A.R.R.L., was set up in a booth in Junior Achievement Hall, on the exposition grounds at West Springfield, Massachusetts

know, is a national organization that provides programs of work for boys and girls of cities and towns, along lines of industry, commerce and homemaking. The work it does for urban boys and girls is similar to that done in rural areas by the national 4-H Club groups. With these aims, and because of its extended field of activity, the inclusion of amateur radio as one of its constructive programs was logical, and the details of coöperation with the League together with a plan for development were first begun in April and May of this year, when Assistant Secretary A. L. Budlong and Mr. Frank W. Barber, Counselor in Field Service of Junior Achievement, held a series of conferences.



W1ESE AND THE OPERATING STAFF

Left to right: Phillip Gould, W1ALZ; John R. Blum, W8CKC, chief operator; Howard Barton, W8IH; Robert H. Peterson, W1LI; and the author. The big variable condenser in the lower right-hand corner is used in the tank circuit of the modulated final stage of W8IH, high-powered 'phone at LeRoy, N. Y.

The other principal part of this program was the instruction of a selected class of boys gathered from all the Eastern states, between the ages of fourteen and twenty, in the art of amateur radio; teaching them the code, and delivering a planned series of talks by members of the Headquarters staff on the different portions of the course of study.

Junior Achievement, as many of you may

The annual national exhibit of Junior Achievement clubs together with their products and activities is held during the Eastern States Exposition, in the large building owned by Junior Achievement. Inasmuch as this is the principal national event held by the organization during the year, it devolved upon A.R.R.L. to coöperate fully in the new program in which we were participating. One of the results was W1ESE and the

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remainder of the exhibit of which it formed a part, installed for the edification of such of the 300,000 people attending the Exposition as passed by our booth.

#### THE STATION IN DETAIL

W1ESE was of necessity a low-powered affair, since its purpose was not only to supply an exhibit to arouse the interest of passersby and handle messages filed by them, but also to demonstrate to Junior Achievement members and leaders the simplicity and economy with which such apparatus could be effectively constructed. The equipment used was admirably suited for this.

The transmitter was the low-power push-pull set using receiving tubes built by George Grammer, Assistant Technical Editor, and described by him in the November issue of QST. Its output was fed into a Zepp antenna 132 feet long, strung between flag poles on diagonal corners of the roof of the building. The height was such that the vertical 45-foot feeders just reached the stand-off insulators on the transmitter to which they were attached.

The receiver was the little two-tube set designed by Ross Hull, altered according to the description which appears in the new 7th edition of the *Handbook*. Type '30 tubes were employed, their power being derived from two dry cells and one standard "B" battery. The ultimate in simplicity, wasn't it?

This receiver, while fully capable of bringing in signals at a comfortable volume when one of the Zepp feeders was switched in for an antenna, was needed for demonstrations, and was replaced in the station by W1LI's receiver, which had two audio stages and used Type '01-A's. Receiving conditions were quite terrible, of course. Our nearest neighbor was a printing establishment running a large job press by an electric motor which played a constant symphony in the 'phones while working. It was so nearly in resonance with the few lone a.c. signals still to be heard that one could almost hear the beat notes!

In addition, there was, of course, a monitor, a frequency meter, and the usual small related apparatus. Ralph Beaudin's single control transmitter (pictured in QST for December, 1929) was taken along for demonstration to the class, and also formed part of the exhibit.

That was the equipment used. It was selected with two requirements in mind; simplicity and economy. A glance at the station log and reports received — excerpts from which will follow — show that it possessed still another in good degree; effectiveness. Credit for this may be largely due the staff of operators. There were four of them spending the week in Springfield as guests of Junior Achievement. The chief operator was John R. Blum, W8CKC, of Dansville, N. Y., who is well known as SCM of Western New York.

With him was Howard C. Barton, WSIH, of LeRoy, N. Y. Robert H. Peterson, W1LI, came from Worcester, Mass., for the week, while Phillip C. Gould, W1ALZ, was down from Bangor, Maine.

These men came in response to a hurried call for volunteers sent out just before the event, after we had learned from Mr. Barber that he desired such assistance, and the localities from which he wished it to come. They did splendid work; each of them was a fine operator, and the way they handled W1ESE, the remainder of the exhibit, and the thousand and one other details with which they were confronted, is worthy of commendation and hearty thanks.

The Exposition opened on Sunday, September 14th, at 2:00 p. m. On Saturday Ralph Beaudin and the writer loaded all the components of the station, a lot of Handbooks and other League supplies, into the w.k. flivver and set out for the grounds near Springfield, Mass. Clouds hung low and heavy in the sky; rain threatened moment by moment; and after pleading hastily with a watchful traffic cop we parked and unloaded the equipment. That Zepp was put up in record time, with the clouds almost encircling our ears on top of the roof. As soon as it was all up the weather cleared away nicely. . . .

The station was completed that afternoon, but there was time left for no more than two half-hearted and ineffectual calls. On Sunday things opened brightly and continued so. Long before the official opening time the aisles were filled with people, and the amount of interest displayed in the exhibit was intensely gratifying. About the middle of the afternoon W8CKC and W8IH strode in, and were promptly set to work at the operating position. A little later Bob Peterson showed up, and stations were being worked. W1ESE was on the air!

That evening at 10 o'clock the three ops retired to the dormitories provided by Junior Achievement, and proceeded to become children again — for a night! Cast ruthlessly into a wild, howling mass of hundreds of energetic boys between the ages of twelve and twenty, they settled down on their beds amid the demoniac din which reigned only to become targets for apples, tomatoes, numerous other sometime edibles, wet paper balls, soap and all the other playful gestures of friendly American boys, for an endless eight hours. The next night they moved!

Phil Gould might also have been in evidence that first night, but sad to state, calamity befell him, and it was not until the next day that he did stagger in. As has been said, our call to these, and other men was a belated one, and W1ALZ had not received the instructions he required to direct his activities upon arrival. As a result he wandered over the entire 175-acre Exposition grounds vainly searching for us all that night and part of the next day.

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#### A DISSERTATION ON CRYSTAL CONTROL

It was this same Gould of W1ALZ who told us of a visit paid the radio shack on one of the Navy destroyers (name withheld by request!) and the ragchew with the op that followed. Gould gazed intently at various parts of the equipment, and then, pointing to the big transmitter, asked, "Do you use a crystal in that?"

The op replied indulgently. "Oh, no, we haven't used crystals for years. You won't find one in a Navy receiver anywhere!"

Gasping, but determined, Phil tried again. "I mean in the transmitter."

Clyde J. Houldson, Technical Information Service, outlined the use, construction, and operation of receivers, taking care also of the many other duties encountered during each day.

On the succeeding days transmitters, elementary theory and operating practice were gone over with the remnant of the class, and some of the preliminary work reviewed for a newly arrived group. The procedure of the organization provided for separate groups of boys and girls to be in attendance each half week, and this rendered the organizing of the course more difficult. All of the fellows reached are going to become splendid amateurs very shortly, though, and will



IN ACTION AT THE OPERATING POSITION

John Blum pounds out one of the numerous "love and kisses" messages. The single-control transmitter and two-tube receiver in the foreground were used in the class instruction.

"Why, no. We use vacuum tubes in the transmitter, too."

Monday was Governor's Day, and during the forenoon the chief executives of many of the Eastern States went past the exhibit. Some of them displayed a real interest in our station, and received a good deal of information. In the afternoon A. A. Hebert, in his capacity as Fieldman, addressed the boys of Junior Achievement on amateur radio in general, and had a most interested audience. After this discussion the selected class received the first code lesson.

E. L. Battey, Assistant Communications Manager, represented Hq. on Tuesday, and outlined all the activities of the amateur to the class, explaining the what, why, and wherefore, as well as giving another code lesson. On Wednesday, help us immensely. Each of them returned to his club filled with enthusiasm for amateur radio, and it won't be much of a task for them to communicate that enthusiasm to their clubmates and neighbors.

Several New England amateurs stopped by the booth each day, and some very interesting personal contacts resulted. We had the pleasure of meeting W1AJJ on Saturday, a YL well known in New England who recently joined forces with W1AZW in a life QSO. Dozens of old-timers now off the air, stopped by, and so great was their interest in the little transmitter that many of them expressed their intention of getting back on the air soon.

While speaking of the transmitter, we can't

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# Standardization in the Field of Radio Engineering

By Beverly Dudley\*

HE necessity of making, adopting, and using standards may be readily observed in everyday life, for standards and standardized products contribute materially to the wealth, convenience and simplicity of our already complex lives. The statement that a piece of paper is nine inches wide and twelve inches long immediately conveys a definite impression of a particular size of sheet to all those who hear the remark and who are familiar with the English units of measurement. The statement means little or nothing to those who are not acquainted with the English system of measurements, for they have no conception of the standard inch. The definite impression that is conveyed to those familiar with the inch depends entirely upon the fact that the inch is a standard unit of measurement, that the length of the inch does not vary, and that it is universally accepted, at least in English speaking countries.

A standard may be defined as "that which is established by authority, custom, or general consent, as a model or example," and there are a number of different kinds of standards. Standard weights and measures are perhaps the most common although standards may also be originated on nomenclature, uniformity of dimensions, methods of test, test procedure, safety precautions, etc. But whatever the type, in order that it be a true standard, it must be accepted and recognized as such by everyone having occasion to use the particular "standard."

In the field of radio engineering standards are as important - if not more important - as in any other technical or engineering field because of the complexity of the subject. Readers of QST who glance over a copy of Wireless Weekly or Experimental Wireless and the Wireless Engineer will immediately notice the unfamiliar terms such as "valve" for vacuum tube, "reaction" for regeneration, and "note magnification" for audio amplification, which are in common use in England. But it is not necessary to go to English publications to find terms that are unfamiliar, or whose meaning is obscure. Such terms as "power detector" and "linear detector," for instance, may have a very definite and limited meaning to a certain group of radio men; it may represent an absurdity to another group. A few terms, such as "microsynchronize" for instance, may mean

nothing at all, except to the originator of the term, and even this is doubtful. To make system out of chaos and to assure that engineers and other technical men engaged in the radio field will all speak the same "shop language," it is necessary to use standard nomenclature and definitions and provide for standard tests and test procedure.

The necessity of standardizing nomenclature was early recognized by the Institute of Radio Engineers and in 1913 their first "Report of the Committee on Standardization" was published. This was followed by subsequent reports issued in 1915, 1922, 1926, and 1929, and at the present time the standardization project is progressing rapidly. Standardization is dynamic — not static — and it is continually necessary to revise and enlarge the scope of standardization reports to include new developments. Several years ago there was no necessity for including in the standardization report such terms as "photo-electric tube," "television," "tetrode," or "megacycle;" to-day these terms are frequently used.

The mechanical structure of the present standardization committees is given in Fig. 1, from which it will be seen that the standardization set-up is a fairly complex but entirely complete system. The structure may be divided into two parts, representing the two types of standards published. The left half of the diagram deals with the standards of the Institute of Radio Engineers; the right half of the diagram deals with "American Standards" as published by the American Standards Association. While this diagram would seem to indicate that there are in reality two radio standards, this is not actually the case; in the final analysis there is only one set of "American Standards," as explained below.

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The Committee on Standardization, appointed by the Board of Direction of the Institute of Radio Engineers, has the power to make all Institute standards, subject to the approval of the Board. It is composed of men in all branches of the industry and in various parts of the world who are responsible for the Institute standards. The Committee is headed by Dr. J. H. Dellinger, Chief of the Radio Section of the National Bureau of Standards, who as Chairman of the Committee on Standardization is largely responsible for the work of the widely scattered Committee. The Committee as a whole, consisting of forty-six members in six countries, does not itself originate much of the work; several sub-committees, known

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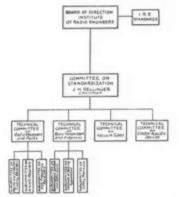
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as Technical Committees have been appointed to consider the technical points and to create the standards on four phases of radio communication; receiving, transmitting, vacuum tube, and electro-acoustic, devices.

The four Technical Committees are composed of a smaller number of men — usually about a dozen — than the main Committee on Standardization, and in general, the members of the Technical Committees are picked because of their specialized training and experience along definite lines. The Technical Committees gather, originate, determine and prepare the standards in

"The A. S. A. is a federation of forty-three national technical societies, trade associations, and governmental bodies whose chief purpose is to bring together manufacturers, distributers, consumers, technical specialists, and any others directly concerned with a particular standardization project; to assure that a preponderance of these interests wishes to have a national standard; to bring about the organization of a technical committee composed of official delegates of all important bodies interested to formulate the standard; and finally, when such a committee has prepared the standard and given it substantially



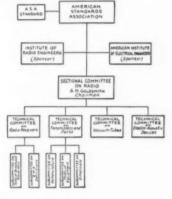


FIG. 1

their respective fields of activity, as well as in any related field of activity that may affect them. There is, naturally, some overlapping of the work of these Technical Committees, and a single subject, such as a vacuum tube oscillator for instance, may be considered and defined by two or more Technical Committees, each from a different point of view. The reports of the four Technical Committees are forwarded upon completion to the Committee on Standardization for rejection, criticism, comment, revision or acceptance. The Committee on Standardization correlates the work of the four Technical Committees, prevents duplication, makes sure that the definitions and standards are uniform and consistent within themselves as well as with those proposed by other Technical Committees, and circulates these tentative standards for comment and criticism. When the Committee on Standardization is assured that its recommendations represent a true consensus of engineering opinion, its report is brought to the Board of Direction for approval and for publication in the I. R. E. Yearbook as the standards of the Institute of Radio Engineers.

On the right half of Fig. 1 is the diagram showing the mechanical structure of the various committees for the generation, preparation and adoption of an "American Standard," under the direction of the American Standards Association.

unanimous approval, and the American Standards Association is definitely assured that the standard represents a real national consensus, to make it an 'American Standard'.'' A chief function of the American Standards Association is the judicial one of determining whether a national consensus has been reached.

Having determined that national standards on radio communication were desirable, and following requests from a number of radio organizations, the Bureau of Standards organized a conference on January 12, 1923, the result of which was agreed that the American Standards Association form a Sectional Committee on Radio. The Institute of Radio Engineers and the American Institute of Electrical Engineers were appointed by the A. S. A. sponsors for this standardization project in the field of radio engineering. The Sectional Committee is composed of representatives accredited for the purpose by various organized groups concerned with the project. The members of the Sectional Committee on Radio represent the following organizations:

American Institute of Electrical Engineers.

American Radio Relay League.

American Railway Assn. (Telephone and Telegraph Section).

Bell Telephone System.

Department of Commerce.

Department of Interior.

Institute of Radio Engineers.

Inter-Department Radio Advisory Committee (Gov. Depts.).

National Assn. of Broadcasters.

National Electrical Mfgrs, Assn. (Radio Division).

National Electric Light Assn.

National Fire Protection Assn. and Underwriters' Laboratories.

Navy Dept.

Radio Corporation of America.

Radio Manufacturers' Assn.

War Department.

It will be observed that this list includes bodies representative of practically all of the larger organizations likely to be interested in the standardization project on radio engineering.

Sectional Committees are made up of representatives, designated by various bodies concerned with the project assigned to the committee, and of additional specially qualified individuals. The Sectional Committee on Radio is, in general, concerned with the formal adoption of standards on radio matters and it may — and does — assign its work in whole to Technical Committees. It is essential that the completed work of a Sectional Committee shall be considered by all of its members and that their individual decisions shall be recorded and exhibited.

Four Technical Committees of the Sectional Committee on Radio, which correspond in name and function to the Technical Committees of the I. R. E. Committee on Standardization have been appointed to originate, gather, and prepare standards. The Sectional Committee on Radio is concerned with guiding and directing the work, and to a greater extent, of approving or rejecting the recommendations of the Technical Committees. The work of preparing the standards is carried on freely and simultaneously by the Technical Committees (and all other interested bodies) in order that the differing viewpoints of the several groups may be fully utilized and the most broadly suitable standards produced.

Although the diagram shows two distinct sets of standardization committees and two sets of standards - the I. R. E. and the A. S. A. - it should not be assumed that there are actually two independent and unrelated standardization reports. The I. R. E. standardization report relates specifically to the engineering side of radio communication, and consequently is generally technical and somewhat limited in scope. The standards accepted by the A. S. A. must be acceptable to the representatives of the organizations as a whole, and the A. S. A. standard must represent a consensus of opinion of the greater portion of those actively engaged in the radio field before it may become an American Standard. But insofar as the standards relate to radio engineering, the A. S. A. standards are essentially the same as the

I. R. E. standards and the A. S. A. looks to the Institute of Radio Engineers and the American Institute of Electrical Engineers, as sponsors of the radio standardization project, to vouch for the technical qualifications of the proposed standards. The A. S. A. standard is the final authority on commercial and engineering standards in this country (but should not be confused with the National Bureau of Standards which is the final authority on legal standards in the United States) and because its standards represent the consensus of a larger and more general group than the I. R. E. standards, there is more time required for an A. S. A. standard to be adopted and published than for an I. R. E. standard. The formulation, acceptation, and publication of the final standards applying to radio engineering are, therefore, seen to be somewhat long and drawnout processes. While at first this might seem to be a decided disadvantage, in reality it is a most important advantage. Standardization can be carried out too quickly or too prematurely, and if this is done, more harm than good is done, for faith is lost in the standardization project,

And now that we have given an outline of the general method of formulating and adopting standards for radio engineering, let us inquire more into their use. The importance of standards is not fully appreciated by those having little occasion to refer to them, and for this reason, their importance is likely to be belittled by the vast majority who need them most. The reports of the Committee on Standardization of the Institute of Radio Engineers are available without cost to its members, and at a nominal cost to non-members. This report, issued every few years, is widely used by radio and communication engineers. It may have little direct importance to the amateur who is interested only in the proper design and operation of his station, but it does affect his station and operation, indirectly at least, for the technical articles appearing in QST frequently use these reports for obtaining exact wording and specifications for test methods. A practical example of this occurs in connection with 'The Modulometer" in the August, 1929, issue of QST where the I. R. E. definition for modula-tion factor is employed. Frequent reference is made to the I. R. E. report even though no footnote calls attention to the source of information.

But in another way the amateur affects these standardization reports and is in turn affected by them, for the American Radio Relay League is represented in a number of subcommittees, Technical Committees, as well as in the Committee on Standardization and the Sectional Committee on Radio. The connection between the League and the Institute on the various committees pertaining to standardization is mutually beneficial, even though the direct and indirect effects may not be readily apparent to the general membership of the two organizations.

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# The Doublet Antenna

## A Hertz Antenna With Two-Wire Matched Impedance Feed

By Clyde J. Houldson, W1KP\*

UDGING by the number of letters that come to the Technical Information Service desk, many amateurs are experiencing difficulty in coupling the push-pull transmitters - which have been described from time to time in QST - to the Hertz antennas that are generally used and really load each tube equally, which is the ideal condition when using tubes connected in push-pull. About the only suitable type of coupling that has appeared is the one which employs the "split" antenna coupling coil, as shown in the article "Advanced Transmitter Design" in June, 1930, QST. The singlewire fed type of antenna described by WSGZ in September, 1929, QST was an ideal one for use with a single tube in the output stage, but difficulty is experienced in coupling a push-pull transmitter to a single wire feeder.

The antenna system to be described uses a two-wire matched impedance feeder system which

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FIG. 1

is quite suitable for use with push-pull transmitters, and is known as the "doublet" antenna system.

Success of this antenna system depends entirely on three important dimensions (referring to Fig. 1) namely the value C or coupling, E known as feeder clearance, and L, the length of the antenna. All three of these must be correct for the particular operating frequency and the only adjustment remaining is varying the taps on

the plate tank inductance to secure the right load conditions.

#### HOW IT WORKS

The antenna proper is our old friend the Hertz. It is fed by a two-wire transmission line of any desired length and which is untuned. There are no standing waves; consequently there is practically no radiation or leakage from the feeders.

The feeders do not connect exactly at the current loop (center of antenna) but are tapped on slightly off the point where the current is a maximum. The purpose is to make the impedance across the output of the feeder system match the impedance of the transmission line, thereby securing maximum power transfer and at the same time eliminating radiation by the feeder system.

The adjustment of a transmission coupling to the antenna requires an understanding of simple single-phase transmission line phenomena. Any transmission line has a characteristic surge impedance which depends upon the size and spacing of the conductors composing it, and also upon the impedance of the terminating network. When the proper adjustment of the line is secured (at radio frequencies) it will act as a pure resistance connected across the output of the last stage of the transmitter.

As a rule the transmission lines used for radio frequencies have a characteristic impedance of 500 to 800 ohms. Generally, however, a 600-ohm line is most used, especially in commercial work.

For amateurs who wish to calculate the impedance of the transmission line in use, the following formula can be used and will give quite accurate results for an outdoor open transmission line: <sup>2</sup>

$$Z_o = 276 \log_{10} \frac{2D}{d}$$

Where  $Z_o$  is the characteristic surge impedance of the line in ohms; D is the distance between the center of the two conductors composing the transmission line; and d is the diameter of the conductors.

In using this formula distance between conductors and wire diameter must be in the same units (i.e., in inches or milliammeters, etc.).

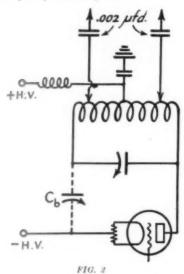
<sup>\*</sup> Technical Information Service, A. R. R. L.

<sup>1 &</sup>quot;Some Transmission Line Fundamentals," by G. A. Boddie, *Electrical Journal* for Jan. and Feb., 1928.

2 "Electric Oscillations and Electric Waves," by G. W.

<sup>2 &</sup>quot;Electric Oscillations and Electric Waves," by G. W. Pierce. "Matching the Transmission Line to the Antenna," QST, Jan., 1928.

It can be said generally that the proper termination of a transmission line is one of the most important adjustments of the entire transmitting system, and will have a great influence on the efficiency of the station, affecting both the range and the quality of the signals.



The greatest transfer of energy from the plate tank coil to the antenna is obtained when the termination impedance just equals or matches the characteristic impedance of the transmission line. If we assume the line having a characteristic impedance of 600 ohms, then to obtain the maximum transfer of energy, the impedance of C must also be 600 ohms.

When the system is correctly balanced, each conductor composing the transmission line is at equal but opposite potential to the other and any radiation from the line is thoroughly neutralized. When the transmission line is not balanced, radiation from the feeders is very likely to occur but out of phase with the antenna radiation and likely to affect the total radiation seriously. Also, if the phase balancing and impedance matching are not obtained, all of the power which is delivered the transmission line will not be passed on to its ultimate load, the Hertz radiator. The power which the radiator does not take will surge back and forth from end to end of the transmission line (reflections) until the energy is finally dissipated in radiation and by the resistance of the transmission line itself. However, when the impedance of C equals the impedance of the transmission line, a matched condition exists and practically all the power delivered to the line from the output stage will be delivered to the antenna, the only loss being the  $I^2R$  loss in the transmission line conductors. This loss is really negligible.

By following the formulas very closely, the correct values can be obtained and perfect matching of impedances can be very nearly approached, leaving only the adjustment of the antenna coupling clips on the plate tank coil to complete the matching process.

The antenna coupling clips are connected an equal number of turns either side of the center of the plate tank inductance. To load the set the clips are moved along the coil (from center) until the tubes draw the normal plate current recommended by the manufacturers.

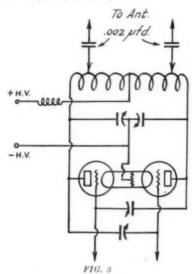
#### CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION

After deciding on the frequency at which the system is to operate, the length of the antenna is determined. In order to secure maximum power output for a desired frequency the formula below can be used.

$$\begin{split} L~_{\text{(feet)}} &= \frac{492,000}{F} \times K~\text{or} \\ L~_{\text{(meters)}} &= \frac{150,000}{F} \times K \end{split}$$

Where L (Fig. 1) is the antenna length in feet or meters for a desired frequency F, and K is a constant depending on the frequency band.

F is the frequency in kilocycles.



The coupling or value C (Fig.1) must also be determined:

$$C_{\text{feet}} = \frac{492,000}{F} \times K_1$$
, or  $C_{\text{meters}} = \frac{150,000}{F} \times K_1$ 

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 $K_1$  has different values for the various frequency bands.

K<sub>1</sub> is 0.25 for frequencies below 3000 kc.

K<sub>1</sub> is 0.24 " between 3000 and 28,000 kc.

K1 is 0.23 " above 28,000 kc.

F is the fundamental frequency in kc.

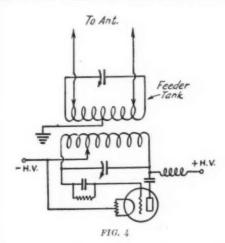
The other remaining value is the feeder clearance E (Fig. 1), and it is important that this clearance be maintained when constructing an antenna of this type.

$$E_{\text{feet}} = \frac{492,000}{F} \times K_2 \text{ or}$$

$$E_{\text{meters}} = \frac{150,000}{F} \times K_2$$

 $K_2$  is 0.30 for all bands and F is the frequency in kilocycles.

The above equations, as stated before, are for feeders having a characteristic (surge) impedance of 600 ohms and will not apply to feeders of any other impedance. An impedance of 600 ohms is standard in commercial work and is convenient



and quite satisfactory for amateur use. The proper spacing of the wires composing the feeder system for a 600-ohm transmission line can be computed to a very close approximation by this formula:

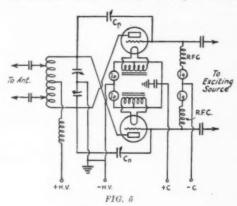
$$D = 98 \times d$$
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Where D is the distance between the centers of the wires composing the feeder system and d is the diameter of the wire. If the diameter of the wire is in inches the spacing of the wires will be in inches, and if the wire diameter is in millimeters the spacing will be in millimeters.

For the convenience of both U. S. and foreign readers, the diameters of the various sizes of wire most used will be found as follows:

B. & S. Gauge		Diameter in inches	Diameter in millimeters	Nearest Equivalent British S.W.G.			
No.	10	0.1019	2.59	No. 12			
8.6	12	0.080	2.05	No. 14			
8.6.	14	0.064	1.63	No. 16			

The wires composing the feeder system can be any convenient length that suits the particular location, successful operation with feeders 1200 feet long being quite common. Since the majority of amateurs reside in cities, where space for an



antenna is usually at a premium, it is not expected that many amateurs will have to exceed this length.

The formulas are practically self-explanatory—but probably one example would help. Suppose the antenna's fundamental frequency is to be 3500 kc.

First it would be necessary to solve for the antenna length.

Substituting the proper values in the formula,

$$L(feet) = \frac{492,000}{3500} \times .95$$
  
= 133.54 ft,

Next we would need to solve for the coupling C for 3500 kc.,

$$C(f_{\text{cet}}) = \frac{492,000}{3500} \times .24$$
  
= 33.73 ft.

Next would be the feeder clearance:

$$E(_{\text{feet}}) = \frac{492,000}{3500} \times .30$$
= 42.17 ft.

In this example, we will use No. 12 B & S enameled wire, which has a diameter of 0.080 inches. Therefore the spacing of feeders should be

$$98 \times 0.080 = 7.84$$
 inches

Therefore you have the complete data for an antenna suitable for operating on 3500 kc. Re-

ferring to Fig. 1, the length L should be 133.54 feet; the coupling value C should be 33.73 feet or 16.86 feet each side of the center-line of the antenna; and the feeder clearance should be 42.17 feet. The spacing D between feeder wires is 7.84 inches. No. 12 B. & S. wire also may be used for the antenna. Well soldered connections should be made where the feeders join the antenna, of course.

It is important that you follow the four dimensions very closely. Otherwise the system will not operate as a doublet antenna — or even may fail to operate entirely.

The spacers used for the feeders may be either glass or well seasoned wood boiled in paraffin.



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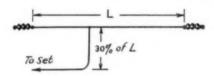
The main requirement is that the feeders be accurately spaced throughout their entire length. If any turns or bends have to be introduced into the feeder system before it reaches the transmitter it is essential that the feeder system be rigidly supported and that the bends be gradual and not sharp right-angles.

This is just the type of antenna that many amateurs have been looking for, especially those using the push-pull type transmitter. In this case, the tubes must be loaded equally for best results. Several diagrams are given in Fig. 1 showing the general arrangement, while Fig. 2 shows circuits using a single tube in the output stage. The condenser Cb connected from the "free" end of the tank circuit to the filament circuit may be necessary where the circuit plate-filament capacity is greater than a few µµfd, and should be of a value equal to the tube plate-filament capacity. Its purpose is to make the tank circuit electrically symmetrical about the center by balancing the plate-filament capacity which is in parallel with the other side of the tank inductance. This capacity is hardly necessary with a Type '52 tube (which has a negligible plate-filament capacity) but should be used with tubes having appreciable circuit plate-filament capacity - including socket and wiring capacity. A capacity of about 10 μμfd. or so will usually suffice.

Fig. 3 shows the connections when using two tubes in push-pull as the final stage. In both cases the positive high voltage is fed in at the center of the plate tank inductance and the usual r.f. by-pass condenser is connected there. This places the center of the tank coil at ground poten-

tial with respect to the r.f., both ends of the coil being "hot."

In all diagrams the antenna blocking condensers have a capacity of 2000  $\mu\mu$ fd. These fixed condensers should have a voltage rating which is somewhat higher than the plate voltage used on the output stage. This is advised for several reasons. As a rule the negative high voltage is grounded; therefore, if the transmission line should become grounded or the insulation of the antenna system fail, condensers having a low voltage rating would invariably blow and thus short the d.e. power supply. The use of the condenser is not only a safeguard to the station equipment but also to life, because if the condensers were omitted, any-



CORRECT METHOD

one coming in contact with the transmission line or antenna would probably receive the plate voltage used on the last stage, through his body to ground. On high power installations this might result in very severe shock or even death. By using the condensers, r.f. only exists on the transmission line while the transmitter is operating. This is not as dangerous as the high-voltage direct current used at some stations. The use of the coupling condensers is especially recommended to amateurs who live in apartment buildings, where the transmission line as a rule must take a long circuitous path to reach the roof where the antenna is located.

Fig. 4 illustrates the method of connecting this type of feeder to the output of a transmitter when it is impossible to arrange the plate tank circuit to give the required balance. The feeder tank circuit will be similar in construction to the usual transmitter tank circuit. As with the other arrangements, the clips are adjusted symmetrically on either side of the inductance center until the maximum power is being transmitted to the antenna. This will occur, of course, when the impedance across the feeder input is equal to the surge impedance of the transmission line.

As stated before, best results will be obtained when each tube draws an equal value of plate current. This condition is desired particularly when operating two tubes connected in pushpull in a radiophone transmitter. The arrangement shown in Fig. 5 will easily accomplish this. An extra filament transformer (or winding) will be necessary. A milliammeter to measure the plate current of each tube can be used or a jack can be

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placed in each negative return circuit so that the current of either tube can be read merely by inserting the milliammeter plug into either jack. This will require only one plate current milliammeter. The use of two meters is of course the ideal method; but the plug and jack method can be used to accomplish the same thing (i.e.) balance the plate current drawn by each tube. Grid current meters also may be connected in the grid circuit as shown in Fig. 5. This helps a great deal in the adjustment of the grid excitation clips which connect to the tank coil of the preceding stage. The excitation can be adjusted until the grid current for each tube is identical.

When the grid current has been balanced, the



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plate voltage can be applied to the last stage. Then the antenna coupling clips are adjusted until an equal value of current is flowing in each plate circuit, indicating that the load is balanced and that each tube is carrying its share of the load.

For an arrangement of this sort, it is essential to use "matched" tubes or tubes which possess identical characteristics. If this is not done, trouble will be experienced in balancing the plate input to each tube, even though the grid excitation of each is the same. This arrangement is usually termed a "balanced push-pull amplifier" and is especially recommended for use in the Class B linear amplifier stage of a 'phone transmitter. It is also quite suitable to use in the final stage of the better class of code transmitter.

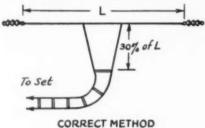
#### A FEW PRECAUTIONS

Certain factors must be kept in mind when designing a Zeppelin or single-wire fed Hertz and the same holds true for the doublet antenna. These important factors have been pointed out in the discussion and it is urged that they be adhered to or else the system will not operate on the desired frequency or fail to operate entirely.

As shown in Fig. 6 the feeder system should never follow the antenna back to the point where it enters the "shack." It can be safely said that nine out of ten of the amateurs experiencing difficulty with the single-wire fed Hertz and writing into the Technical Information Service were using the general arrangement shown in Fig. 6. This is not recommended under any circumstance. The

feeder should run straight away from the antenna for at least 30 percent of one-half wavelength as shown in Fig. 7. From there the feeder can continue in any direction to the shack and transmitter. The same applies to the doublet antenna, and the arrangement shown in Fig. 8 is not recommended. It is very important that the feeders run the required distance as shown in Fig. 9. This is to prevent interference of the feeder with the radiation of the antenna, and vice versa.

Many amateurs who live in cities are constantly writing in saying that they are pressed for room to erect a half-wave Hertz antenna for operating on 3500 kc., and that they desire to use a bent type of antenna. This is all well and



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good as many city apartment dwellers use the bent type and secure very good results. However, if you find it necessary to employ the bent type at your location because of lack of room, remember it is always best to steer clear of sharp angular bends in the antenna. If bends are absolutely necessary make them well rounded ones. However, the best results will be obtained if the horizontal part of the antenna is one straight run. The bent type should be used only where the space available does not permit the straight-run type.

Although this type of antenna system may be operated at harmonics of its fundamental frequency with some degree of success, its characteristics are more particularly suited to operation at its fundamental frequency only.

When designing a system of this type it is urged that one of the wire sizes that is shown be used. Also use the spacing of feeders, coupling, feeder clearance, etc., that are correct for the desired operating frequency.

This type of antenna has been used by a number of amateur stations and also is used with success in several commercial high-frequency communication systems.

# Strays 3

W9DOS sends us one of those "Believe it or not" cartoons showing a century plant which grew 30 feet in ten weeks out in San Diego. He wants to know where to obtain seeds for such a plant. So do we. Any of you Californians have any dope on this? We want to raise some masts.

# Who's Who in AMATEUR WIRELESS





ALLEN H. BABCOCK



LOUIS R. HUBER

The old familiar heading reappears after many years. While not planned as a monthly department, from time to time QST will present brief sketches of some of those amongst us whose activity in amateur radio has made them of general interest to our readers. We have pleasure in presenting this month two members of the Board of Directors of the A.R.R.L., and it just happens that they are the oldest and the youngest members of that body. Permit us:

Allen H. Babcock, Consulting Electrical Engineer of the Southern Pacific Company with offices in San Francisco, is the Director of the Pacific Division of the A.R.R.L. He was first elected to the League's Board in 1923 and has been constantly returned to that body by his members ever since. He lives in Berkeley, across the Bay from San Francisco, where he owns and operates W6ZD.

Mr. Babcock was born at Buffalo, N. Y., August 12, 1865. His education was received in the public schools of Oakland, Calif., at Phillips Exeter Academy, the University of California and Lehigh University. He has had a long career in electrical engineering, commencing in 1891 with the Thompson-Houston Electric Co. at San

Louis R. Huber, retiring director of the League's Midwest Division, was born at Tipton, Iowa, on January 10, 1908, and his age is therefore exactly that of the average of League membership.

His start in radio came at the age of eight, gathering bits of wire, à la Skeezix, while the telephone men were at lunch. The inevitable half-inch spark coil was acquired at the age of ten, fond parents giving the use of the barn for station purposes if Marconi would promise not to bore too many holes in the wall. The invitation was accepted, the promise as inevitably broken. Three years later the government licenses were secured and 9DOA was on the air with a ½ k.w. Packard and rotary, only to be displaced in 1922

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# A New Type of Crystal Holder

By C. W. Klenk, W9AAU-W9ZK\*

OMETIME ago, when it was decided to adopt crystal control on the transmitter at W9ZK, difficulty was experienced in finding a suitable device to hold the crystal properly and at the same time to allow changing the crystals by the "plug-in" method. Nothing on the market was found to be quite satisfactory. Therefore it was necessary to devise a holder that would meet the conditions. With the aid of my dad, Dr. C. L. Klenk of W9AAU-W9ZK, a device was evolved which was in every way satisfactory. Because it worked out so well the writer desires to pass the idea on to the amateur radio fraternity.

The holder, plugged into the mounting, is shown in a photograph. As the mounting base

THE CRYSTAL HOLDER AND MOUNTING BASE

was made to conform to certain specifications peculiar to the equipment at W9ZK, the writer will not waste space or time describing it. The pictures give an idea of its appearance anyway.

This mounting is ideal in that it is possible to secure a micrometer adjustment of tension on the crystal. Also it is possible to adjust to allow an air space between the upper plate and the crystal which is ideal for shifting the frequency a slight amount.1 The crystal is protected from dust and dirt and remains permanently adjusted. The holder is rugged enough to allow dropping, but since the crystal is quite fragile it is not advisable to make a habit of this.

One photograph shows the holder with its parts disassembled. In Fig. 1 is a detailed assembly drawing showing a plan view and a cross section of the elevation as well as the complete specifications.

The holder comprises a bakelite base, an inverted "U" bracket, two pieces of felt, two ground brass plates, a thumbscrew and lock nut for adjustment, a piece of bakelite tubing, a bakelite cover, and two G. R. plugs. The base is machined in a lathe from half-inch sheet bakelite, rounded

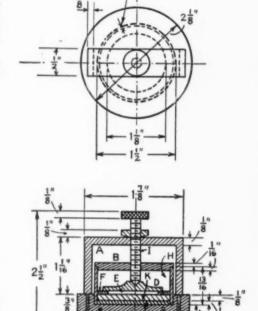


FIG. 1. - DETAILS OF THE CRYSTAL HOLDER Material used: A, brass; B and C, bakelite; D, brass; E, quart: "rystal; F and G, felt; H, bakelite tube; I, brass machine screw, 12-48 thread; J, General Radio plugs; K, brass.

and hollowed out to take the end of the short piece of tubing. This tubing is cemented in place. Into the bottom of this cup is placed a piece of good quality felt cut to conform to the inside diameter of the tubing. Over this felt is placed a disc of brass of the same diameter, which has been turned out and cut to size, the top surface having been ground flat and smooth. On this brass plate is placed another piece of felt of the same size and quality only it has a hole cut

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<sup>1</sup> For details of this feature see "QSY With Crystal Control," QST, September, 1930.

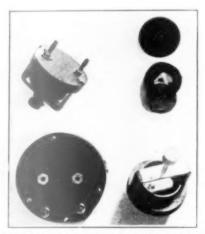
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in the center to provide space for the quartz crystal. The hole should be cut slightly larger than the actual dimensions of the crystal to allow for sideward expansion of the felt when it is subject to the compressive force of the thumbscrew. Over the crystal and part of the felt is placed the top plate, made of brass with the under surface ground perfectly smooth. The top



THE MOUNTING BASE AND BOTH ASSEMBLED AND UNASSEMBLED CRYSTAL HOLDERS OF THE TYPE DESCRIBED

of the plate tapers from the edges to the center and in the center a recess is made to take the tip of the thumbscrew. The bakelite cover (with a hole cut through the center to allow passage of screw shank) is then placed snugly on the top of the bakelite tube. The inverted "U" bracket is fastened to the base of the holder. The screw is placed through the threaded portion of the bracket and turned down until it engages with the recess in the top of the upper plate. Following this the screw is tightened until the crystal is properly held in place. The lock nut prevents the thumbscrew from loosening and allowing the crystal to get at of adjustment.

The two G. R. plugs are fastened under the bakelite base. One is connected directly to the brass bracket which makes a connection to the upper plate. The other is connected through the base by a flexible lead to the lower plate.

The piece of felt surrounding the quartz plate regulates the amount of tension. Turning down the thumbserew compresses the felt and brings the upper plate nearer to the crystal. Turning the screw in the opposite direction releases the tension on the felt and it expands, pushing the upper plate away from the crystal. By this method the desirable air space between the crystal and the upper plate can be obtained with very close precision. The felt placed under the lower plate acts as a cushion for the whole as-

sembly and also tends to keep the surfaces of the two plates parallel to each other. Any small inaccuracies as the result of grinding are compensated by this means.

In building this type of holder extreme care must be taken in getting parallel surfaces on the upper and lower plates. Accurate machining and then careful grinding are absolutely essential in securing the desired results. The two plates may be ground by hand, rubbing them together and using fine valve grinding compound as a grinding medium. After the grinding is completed the plates are polished with jeweler's rouge. Then each part of the holder must be cleaned thoroughly to remove all traces of grease and moisture, especially from the surfaces of the ground plates. It is advisable also to clean the felt pads thoroughly. A very convenient cleaner is carbon tetrachloride, commercially known as "Carbona." It is a non-combustible, quick drying liquid which can be obtained in nearly all drug stores for about forty cents a pint.

This type of holder has only one drawback; it does not readily lend itself for use in a thermostatic oven which is used to keep the crystal at a constant temperature. Unless the frequency is close to a band limit, however, fifteen to twenty degrees variation in temperature does not cause a serious change in the frequency at which the crystal vibrates, at least as measured by the change in dial setting on the average short-wave receiver.3 The advantages of this mounting are so numerous as to overcome this one small drawback. However, we are working on a crystal holder for use in a constant temperature oven and as soon as we have successfully completed it we shall present a description of it to the amateur fraternity.

<sup>2</sup> With a 3500-kc. crystal the change in frequency may be as much as 1 kc. for a 15° C. rise in temperature. The heating is reduced when the oscillator is operated at a plate voltage of less than 250 volts and no more than sufficient excitation. See "Crystallizing Crystal Grinding," QST, April, 1930, for further information. — EDITOR.

### Changes in Regulations

THE Federal Radio Commission on September 22d last made two amendments in its General Order No. 84 which contains the regulations for amateur stations, as published in *QST* for May 1930, page 16.

The first of these is of no importance, being the transposition of paragraphs (f) and (g) of Section I.

The other change eliminates the text of Section IX, providing for the routing administration of amateur stations by the Radio Division of the Department of Commerce, acting in the name of the Commission. It substitutes the following new text: "These regulations shall be administered in

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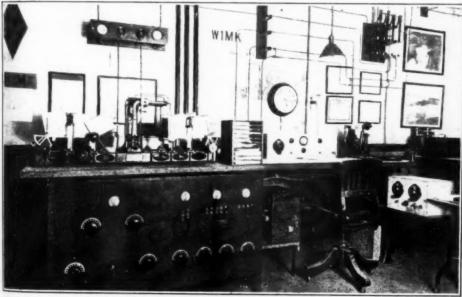
By F. E. Handy, A.R.R.L. Communications Manager

This article is too long. Had we printed it as originally written, the story would have filled twenty pages instead of twelve. What we must realize is that the present W1MK represents the culmination of a relatively tremendous amount of development work. In the last six years or so W1MK has pounded out millions of words to amateurs the world over; but simultaneous with that activity there has been continuous experiment, frequent modification and steady technical progress, Because W1MK is probably the best-known amateur station in the world and because it has never been the subject of a descriptive article in QST, we believe the present story to be completely justified.—Eutron.

HE present W1MK is relatively well known to League members everywhere in view of its regular operation and prominent part in different A.R.R.L. activities. This was not so with the modest station to represent Headquarters which went on the air about six or seven years ago for the first time. At that time the League was located in the downtown business section of Hartford at 1045 Main Street and this early station was situated in the old Traffic Department office.

The first set-up, while an example of satisfac-

tory design for the day and time, would fail to meet a number of the present-day requirements. Four UV-202 tubes were paralleled in a Hartley rig. An edgewise-wound coil of copper strip ten or more inches in diameter was used. With the tuning condenser practically "out" the set got down to about 77 meters. An m.g. power supply and an antenna well in the clear were the bright spots in this arrangement. Of course the frequency stability was nothing like what we can get in modern transmitters but it sufficed for pre-historic times — or at least no criticism was offered. This outfit



A.R.R.L. HEADQUARTERS STATION WIMK

The receiver and an accurate synchronous electric clock are directly in front of the operating position. The key and all control wides necessary for full operation of the station are just at the right, together with the telephone and the listening monitor. Hossian are filed in the box at the left so that they may be located without interrupting the keying. The two transmitters shown at high may be keyed simultaneously in sending information addressed to all League members, or they can be worked separately. The t.p.t.g. transmitter on top of the table normally works on 3575 kc., although interchangeable coils are provided for operation in other bands. The large bakelite panel which shows up prominently in the foreground is the new oscillator-amplifier transmiture until operated crystal-controlled and capable of 500 watts output with a high degree of frequency stability. This transmitter und for 7000 and 14,000-kc. work.

The temperature control box for the crystal is located on a shelf below the table just to the right of the new transmitter. The Cased Radio precision frequency-meter is at the extreme right.

was operated by volunteer staff-member operators during the noon hour each day.

The reason for the establishment of this station was the growing need for collecting Hartford-bound radiograms which must otherwise be mailed in from outside points. At that time 3500 kc. was comparatively new territory so there was ample daylight operation on this frequency. No one at Headquarters was much interested in the DX possibilities of this makeshift equipment so there was practically no operation outside the noon-hour period. Nevertheless, this low-power



77-meter station got across to a fellow ham in the Netherlands for at least one satisfactory contact before the set was dismantled — not a bad record for the power and frequency used, even today. (The experience is well-remembered by the writer since it was necessary to show the Dutch QSL to some of the skeptics about the office.)

When Headquarters moved into larger offices at 1711 Park Street in April of 1925 the little set went along too. However, it was soon to be supplanted by a more powerful outfit using two fifty-watt tubes. This in turn was replaced by a single 250-watt tube with self-rectified power supply. These transmitters were allotted space in the Circulation Department. The location was such that visitors and clerks often yielded to the temptation of twisting dials, thus throwing the outfit out of adjustment - or worse, off frequency, although this did no damage since the antenna was invariably off-tune. The transmitter received unintentional jolts and jars from the nearby addressing machinery and from handling of heavy bundles of QST's and often went haywire because of experimentation. The operating desk was in a conference room somewhat removed from the transmitter. When the keying relay would stick, the unlucky operator might frequently have been seen dashing wildly across the corridor, slamming doors and getting at the set in the Circulation Department to correct the

Several volunteer operators, each keeping once-a-week "tricks," kept this station on the air for a considerable time. Evening schedules were attempted in addition to the noon-day shifts. To

assist neighboring broadcast listeners who had the infamous single-circuit receivers two score or more wavetraps were distributed with effective results and a fixed cooperative policy was established. The location was nevertheless impractical for satisfactory communication work. Interference from buzzers, dial telephones, dictaphone motors, street cars, a theater sign flasher, battery charging station, some beauty-parlor violet-ray generating equipment, and other equally incurable interference sources made operating unpopular and sometimes well-nigh impossible. It was hard for amateurs in radio contact with Headquarters to believe the interference was as bad as indicated by the operator, but listening in to-day will still show a remarkably high noise level.

The Board of Directors reviewed the whole matter of Headquarters' Station operation at its 1927 annual meeting, considering the existing makeshift equipment, the unsatisfactory location and determining the policy to be followed. The Communications Manager was ordered to proceed with the installation of a powerful station in a suitable location where it might be operated effectively and be of genuine service to the amateur fraternity as well as a credit to Headquarters. It is a result of this Board order that we have the fine equipment and installation that has become so well known since it was placed in operation in February, 1928.



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Several possible locations were examined and rejected before a location at Brainard Field, Hartford's airport and one of New England's best flying fields, was chosen. The existing apparatus was taken down and the inferior parts discarded. Wherever possible, parts were set aside to be built into the new station. The best quality procurable in all kinds of equipment was desired but the size of the installation job made economy an important consideration. A good friend of amateur radio who had long desired to see a topnotch station on the air at Headquarters donated a substantial part of the power supply equipment, the three-unit Esco motor-generator that has given such a good account of itself. This machine consists of a two-h.p., two-phase, 220-

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volt motor, a 2000-volt 750-milliampere generator, and a 15-volt exciter which furnishes both field current for the generator and filament current for several Type '04-A tubes.

A three-section telescoping wood mast with a ladder-like main section to facilitate climbing was put up to support the far ends of the antennas. The height of the mast was made the maximum permitted by the "gliding angle" which must be maintained to permit landings without danger at every flying field. Two horizontal Hertz-type an-

tennas were erected, both well in the clear, one supported at the near end on a brick chimney and the other supported at the near end on a short mast on the Communications Section building. One antenna is a half-wave 3575-kc. affair, the other a full-wave 7150-kc, antenna. These frequencies were chosen in harmonic relation, the 3575-ke. frequency as a "marker" or beacon to assist radiophone amateurs in complying with the regulations and locating their transmissions in the assigned 3500-3550-kc. 'phone band. Twowire voltage (Zepp) feed is used to both antennas, the feeders in each case being a single quarter wave-length in length. A separate receiving antenna is provided to facilitate break-in when conditions permit and to eliminate the necessity for changing antennas on the receiver.

#### POWER SUPPLIES

Within certain limits radio equipment can be accommodated to different building arrangements. Once a satisfactory location is found where there is room for antennas to be erected in the open and the noise level is low enough to make good reception possible, a study of the physical arrangement is necessary. One should separate the transmitters and power supply equipment from the receiving and operating location as

much as practicable. Remote control would be ideal where break-in operation is desired but since the best of apparatus sometimes breaks down the transmitters and power supplies must be within a moderate distance. In our particular station space considerations have almost dictated the placement of apparatus.

Two rooms were available for all equipment. Only one had enough light and offered enough space for the operating position, so from the first it was evident that generators, batteries, relays and all messy or noisy power supply or auxiliary equipment should be relegated to the smaller back room. This room was not large enough to take care of the transmitters, as was desired, to get them away from the receiving tuner; in addition the proposed equipment for our 1928 station

had to be accessible so that the frequency of one or both transmitters might be changed at will, both from band to band and slightly to avoid interference. Thus our transmitters were placed on the bench with the receiver, though with some trepidation in view of the power involved.

To insure continuity of operation two different types of power supplies were installed, one to be used with each transmitter normally, but either capable of handling both sets simultaneously in case of need. Although the photograph which



THE POWER EQUIPMENT

A description of the apparatus is contained in the text.

shows the power room and apparatus is not a recent one it gives a good idea of the equipment. Above a cabinet for supplies is the charging panel for the batteries which operate the receiver, monitor, and several different six-volt relays. The light radio-type storage cells have been replaced by husky banks of Willard stationarytype glass-encased cells which stand up better in heavy-duty service. Cabinet, charging panel, and high voltage generator are supported on a heavy steel frame. The rotating machinery is supported on cork to absorb vibration, and is mounted well above the high-water mark reached by our last New England flood. At the left is the switch which throws 220 volts on the driving motor for the high-voltage machine when actuated by the sixvolt relay mounted in the same box. The large

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metal box mounted on the wall is of 1/8" steel. This cabinet is full of high and low voltage fuses, switches, six-volt relays, keying filters, centertapped resistors and numerous other auxiliaries indicated in the power supply diagram, in addition to its main purpose, which is to house the mercury-arc rectifier, all its auxiliary keep-alive circuit equipment, the "bleeder" resistance and several component parts of the filter system.

culty in the use of mercury-arc rectifiers to arise from the "hash" set up by inductive kicks due to the interruption of the current in keep-alive circuits which makes reception impossible unless the are and transmitter are some distance away. At W1MKethere is none of this trouble since the arc is 100% shielded in the grounded iron cabinet, and even the control leads run through about sixty feet of conduit, also grounded. It is impossi-

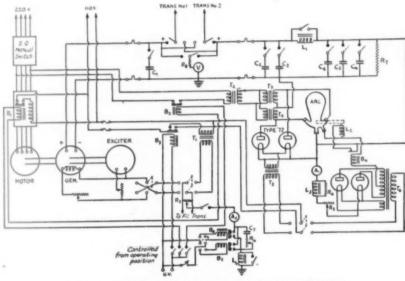


FIG. 1. - POWER SUPPLIES AND CONTROL EQUIPMENT

- T<sub>1</sub> Filament transformer for '04-A's
- 1-kw. transformer with tapped secondary for regulating primary voltage on high-voltage transformers
- 2-kw. transformer, 110-2200 volts
- Filament transformer; for '72's
- Keep-alive transformer, secondary voltage 60, center-tapped
- L<sub>1</sub> 30-henry choke L<sub>2</sub> Solenoid for tipping arc
- Keep-alive choke, 5 henrys
- La Keying choke, 12 henrys
- $C_2 5-\mu fd$
- C3-6 2-µfd. each

- C7 2-ufd., 1000-volt condenser
- R1 Generator field rheostat
- R2 Filament rheostat for '04-A's
- R3 Center-tap resistor, 75 ohms
- R4 2000 ohms
- Rs 30 ohms, adjustable by clip Rs - 15-ohm rheostat
- A. 0-4 amp. d.c. ammeter
- B1 Starting relay for generator
- B2 Line relay for power transformers
- Line relay for keep-alive transformer or '72  $R_1$ 
  - filament transformer
- B4, B4 Keying relay and spare
- Bs Solenoid relay for arc-starting mechanism

During 1929 a pair of Type '72 rectifier tubes were added and used for a time. These could be used interchangeably with the mercury-arc rectifier equipment and offer certain advantages in neatness, quietness in operation and compactness, but it became apparent that once the initial investment in accessory equipment for the mercury-arc circuit had been made, replacement of the Tungars in the keep-alive circuit and of the arc itself could be made at a lower cost. Because of this operating economy the original arcrectifier equipment is still in use.

Many amateurs have found a common diffi-

ble to tell by the receiver if the arc is running unless you press the key.

Individual capacity units in the filter system can be removed by operating the "disconnect" switches that are in series with each condenser. On occasions when there have been troubles in the filter system this has made it possible to remove quickly the defective unit without any great delay in normal operating schedules. All equipment in a station like W1MK gets severe service and must be rated for continuous operation. We prefer to service the equipment and locate troubles outside of operating hours and have therefore

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installed plenty of fuses and "disconnect" switches for the isolation and ready location of trouble which is always sure to crop up sooner or later where many circuits and parts must function simultaneously.

Two 50,000-ohm 44-watt resistors in series across the 2000-volt filter system improve the regulation and protect filter condensers from ripples and transients, at the same time protecting the operator from some deadly "jolts" by draining the charge off the condensers at the instant the high-voltage transformers are taken off the line.

Three two-inch conduits contain all the wires connecting the power-supply equipment, low, high, and intermediate voltages, to the apparatus in the operating room.

#### STATION EQUIPMENT

The best obtainable electrical and mechanical construction was desired in the transmitter for the new station made possible by the Board's action. The main unit must be capable of working in different amateur bands; it must meet certain further specifications, as must also the second transmitter or auxiliary, although the requirements for this were easier to meet.

The t.p.t.g. transmitter shown in the photograph, using two Type '04-A tubes, was obtained as the best answer to the first problem. This set is extremely flexible and with a little experience any amateur can change frequency from band to band quickly and easily once the proper settings have been determined. Ruggedness in construction insures long useful life. Electrically selfcontrolled, the circuit (shown in Fig. 2) is very simple as well as immune from most of the troubles which may be expected with a multi-stage trans-

mitter. Such a set is ideal for quick frequency changing, break-in operation, etc. Equipped with adapters for Type '52 tubes it can be made to work at 14 mc. The limitations of '04-A's make it desirable not to attempt operation on frequencies higher than 7 mc., since the circuit will become unstable in the vicinity of 14 mc. unless special precautions are observed, and in any case tube life may be shortened.

When this t.p.t.g. transmitter was first placed in operation at Headquarters one unusual trouble was noted. Good results were obtained except that at 3575 kc. after the first few dots and dashes had been transmitted the note became a perfect 500-cycle modulated affair. Everything was overhauled from power supply to filament bypass condensers, without result. The transmitter was suspended on cushioned shock absorbers still no result. Finally, in desperation, after some weeks of looking for the "perfect d.c." it was found that insertion of rubber strips between each turn of both the plate and grid coils effected an absolute cure. Some wooden clamps were procured and provide the permanent remedy to this day. Apparently the interaction of the fields of the plate and grid coils was sufficient to start a mechanical vibration, which occurred only with the multi-turn coils used for the 3575-kc. frequency. Of course this would never have been noticed with a modulated power supply. For a simple difficulty it occasioned quite a lot of frantic trouble-shooting!

An auxiliary transmitter, a simple High-C Hartley circuit using one Type '04-A, was constructed and placed permanently on 7150 kc. for use mainly during simultaneous transmissions of

general information for members.

A completely rebuilt receiver was installed at the new station and served for most of 1928 operation. It was partially but not completely shielded. As one visitor tactfully put it, "the r.f. from the transmitter didn't do it any good." But though the tube life may have been short, the sensitivity was good and many successful contacts were put through with its use.

A General Radio Precision Wavemeter was added to other equipment as a practical necessity for

Feeders Lagrange Ca Type 04-A RFC Cs River Ca Cs River

FIG. 2.— THE 500-WATT TUNED-GRID TUNED-PLATE

TRANS	MITTER
C <sub>1</sub> — 250-μμfd. transmitting condenser	tubing 3¾" inst
C <sub>2</sub> — 280 μμ/d. C <sub>3</sub> — .002 μ/d.	L <sub>2</sub> — 12 turns for 3500 kc. 7 " 7000 kc.
$C_4 = 100 \mu \mu f d$ , $C_5 = 100 \mu \mu f d$ .	L <sub>9</sub> — 11 turns for 3500 kc. — 5 " " 7000 kc.
C <sub>0</sub> — 280 μμfd. C <sub>7</sub> — .08 μfd.	R <sub>1</sub> — 5000 ohms RFC — Radio frequency
4 - 10 turns of 5/16" copper	chokes

keeping the station on frequency.

#### PROGRESS

In any station the best of equipment will wear out or become obsolete. Modern stations will remain modern only if those behind the station exert themselves. The history of this station, like that of most every really worthwhile amateur station, is a story of continuous improvements.

In most amateur stations it is a simple matter to shut down to rebuild or experiment. Not so with W1MK. The station has very definite responsibilities to the membership and every effort has been made to make operation every scheduled night go off just as per schedule with a few extra nights of operating thrown in for good measure. At the same time constructional projects have not been neglected by any means.

tion. It is completely shielded and all power supply leads are by-passed, which results in very low r.f. pick-up from the powerful transmitters which are adjacent. A noticeable improvement in tube life, and more important, a reduction in noise level, resulted from the installation of the new receiver. As shown in the diagram, transformer-coupled audio amplification is available or "peaked" amplification to improve selectivity

is provided at the throw of a switch. Three 1000turn honeycombs tuned with a .01-ufd. paper condenser are plugged in permanently, or may be replaced by the primary of 712 transformers or other peak-producing combinations if desired. A stage of '22 untuned r.f. amplification precedes the detector and recently this has been made into a tuned radiofrequency stage, appreciably boosting the signal level. An ample number of coils is provided for all the amateur and expedition bands, and a plug-in midget condenser can be placed across the regular two-section bandspread condenser to boost coil ranges to almost any

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each band. Values are approximately the same as with any receiver designed for band spreading. a.c.-operated receiver may supplant the present model at some future date but other jobs loom ahead of that in importance.

Rs - 100,000-ohm variable resistor Rs - 500,000-ohm R: - 100,000 ohms RFC - Receiver-type r.f. choke No data on coils is given because they must be made by the "cut-and-try" process to cover

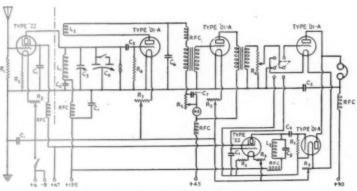


FIG. 3. - WIMK RECEIVER

R. - 8 ohm

Ro - 30-ohm rheostat

R4 - 6 megohms

C<sub>1</sub> — .005 μfd. C<sub>4</sub> — Beat note condenser — two plate midget - Rebuilt condenser having two stator sections adjusted for band spreading

100 µµfd.

Cs - .002 µfd.  $C_7 - .25 \mu fd$ 

Cs - .025 ufd. C2 - 500 µµfd

- 10,000 ohms

A listening monitor and a new receiver were recognized as necessities of the first water. These were built by the writer and by "RP" respectively and placed in operation in the station early in 1929.

The circuits of both monitor and receiver are shown. Both instruments are built in aluminum cabinets. The monitor consists of a detector and two-stage amplifier, and is provided with a re-generation control. It is in reality a rather complete receiver, lacking only an antenna coupling coil. External batteries are normally connected for operation of the listening monitor by the Yaxley cable-plug which is located in the rear center. Additional "A" and "B" dry-cell batteries are fastened to an aluminum shelf inside the monitor with brass straps and may be used for operation as a 100% "portable" monitor or receiver, and are connected in the circuit by throwing two double-pole double-throw switches. A single additional tube is provided in a crystal oscillator circuit, and a shelf with switch-jaw elements makes it possible to plug in a crystal for monitoring or measuring purposes.

The new receiving set requires little explana-

#### THE NEW TRANSMITTER

Excellent results were obtained with both t.p.t.g. and auxiliary Hartley transmitters from the date operation of the new W1MK commenced. However, difficulties were encountered because of tube troubles and certain limitations applying to any self-controlled transmitters made themselves felt.

Satisfactory frequency stability has always been obtained on the 3575-kc. frequency. One trouble that could not be overcome was a certain frequency drift that would invariably occur during transmission on the higher frequency bands because of changes in the spacing of the tube elements ('04-A's) with even small temperature changes. The transmitter, while steady and easy to copy, would "climb" gradually to a slightly different frequency, the change being of the order of several kilocycles with inputs 75% normal, so it was necessary for receiving operators to re-tune slightly for the signal after an interval

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of no transmission. Reducing plate voltage and current might limit the amount of change but would not get around the trouble altogether.

Therefore it was decided that a new main unit

for the station, to have excellent frequency stability as its goal, and using modern highfrequency tubes, must be constructed. The t.p.t.g. set must continue to "hold down" 3575 kc. where its performance left little to be desired, but a new transmitter should be added for all work in the 7- and 14me, bands where it is hardest to maintain a station on a single channel. Space limitations made it difficult to see where any amount of apparatus could be installed, but it finally appeared that the best location for the new transmitter would be in place of the superceded auxiliary unit beneath the

operating table. A shelf and drawer were removed to make the space available and a design as compact as possible worked out after preliminary experiments to determine the best possible set-up. While no amateur will have occasion to duplicate the exact arrangement or combination of equipment about to be described, it is believed that many of the features involved can perhaps be modified and included in stations of various size where oscillator-

amplifier transmitters are being considered in the interest of improved frequency stability.

The new high-power unit had to be adjusted to work from the existing high-voltage plate supplies, for economy's sake if for no other reason. The oscillator must operate as a frequency control with plate voltage as low as practicable to keep temperature changes in the tube and in the crystal itself (when used) to an absolute minimum. A number of amplifier stages and doubler stages to supply adequate ex-

citation to the high-power end in spite of low voltage on the control end must be incorporated. Shielding must be used in low-power and intermediate stages to eliminate undesired feed back, especially

where the equipment must be confined in a small space. Separate power supplies for low- and highpower ends on the new transmitter were desired not only to prevent coupling between stages through the power supply but to avoid unnecessary losses in resistors and fluctuations in plate supply voltage that would endanger the equipment and make adjustment of the low-power end unduly difficult because of poor voltage regulation. If and when crystal control was to be used it should be possible to shift from one crystal to another at the will of the operator. Also, in a drafty room

subject to wide temperature variations the crystal must be protected from physical changes from any source, and preferably housed in a mounting held at constant temperature to minimize frequency changes as much as possible. A plug-and-jack metering system was considered desirable both to eliminate the necessity for a large number of meters and to make it possible to quickly adjust each stage, to locate troubles, defective tubes, etc.

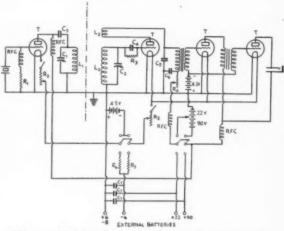


FIG. 4. - THE MONITOR AND CRYSTAL OSCILLATOR

 $C_1 - 350 \mu \mu fd$ .

 $C_2 = 75 \mu \mu fd$ .  $C_3 = .006 \mu fd$ .

C4 - 100 µµfd.

Cs - .006 µfd.

Ce - .25 µfd.

 $C_7 - I \mu f d$ .

R1 - 8 megohms R2 - 25-ohm rheostat

R<sub>3</sub> — 4 megohms

R4 - 50,000-ohm variable resistor

Rs - 10-ohm rheostat

Re-

- 16 ohms

RFC — Receiver-type r.f. chokes

L1 - 28 turns of No. 22 wire, space wound on 11/4" form (11/2" length winding)

-35 turns of No. 30 d.s.c. on old tube base (space-wound to cover the 3500-ke. band)

L<sub>3</sub> — S turns of No. 30 d.s.c. on same tube base ¼" from L<sub>2</sub>
 T — The monitor may be used with Type '99 or '30 tubes for portable use, but is ordinarily used with '01-A's in the station because of their

In the high-power stages it was decided to use Type '60 and Type '61 tubes, these tubes being as readily available as any high-power, high-frequency tubes, and being screen-grid "bottles" the necessity for neutralization might thus be avoided and undesired feedbacks and instability kept at a minimum. The problem was to plan a circuit layout giving adequate gain, providing the necessary doubling and quadrupling of frequency, and sufficient excitation for both 7- and 14-mc. operation, all without too much difficulty in changing frequency.

Preliminary experiments indicated that three Type '10 tubes might be controlled by a 3500-kc. crystal and arranged in doubler-amplifier or doubler-doubler combinations for 7-mc. or 14me. operation. However, a single '10 tube gave a mighty low output at 14 mc. although perhaps satisfactory from the 7-mc. operating standpoint. It was useless to attempt to increase 14-mc. output by adding another '10 in parallel; this was tried but the inter-element capacity of the tubes,

another Type '10 tube which may be operated either as a 14-mc. doubler or as a neutralized amplifier on 7 mc. The output of this tube excites a push-pull amplifier using two Type '10 tubes which may be operated on either 7 or 14 me., giving sufficient output to fully excite the '60 on either band. All the amplifiers following the crystal tube are neutralized, even when operating as doublers, to prevent undesired feedback between stages and to allow the transmitter to be

shifted from one band to the other with a minimum of adjustments.

Since the maximum of flexibility is necessary in a transmitter which must be shifted rapidly from one frequency to another and from one band to another to meet schedules (and avoid QRM, when necessary), the tuning condensers on each stage except the last are made sufficiently large to cover both 7 and 14 mc., thereby eliminating the necessity for plug-in inductances. The crystal oscillator and the first doubler are permanently tuned to 3.5 mc. and 7 mc. respectively. The only coil changing necessary is in the tank of the '61 stage. The neutralizing systems employed on the low-power stages are designed to permit wide changes in frequency without necessity for readjustment of the neutralizing condensers. The screen-grid tubes in the two final stages do not require neutralization. The tank circuits are Low-C on 14 mc. and fairly High-C on 7 me.

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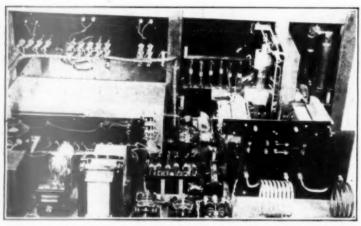
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The second doubler output tank is fed d.c. in the center, locating the voltage node at that point

and making both ends of the tank "hot." This method of connection is ideal for feeding a single-ended stage into a push-pull amplifier, because it obviates the necessity for inductive coupling between the stages and requires no additional apparatus. At the same time it also makes possible easy neutralization of the singleended amplifier. Coupling out of the push-pull stage into the single Type '60, however, cannot be accomplished in quite so simple a manner,



COMPLETE ASSEMBLY OF THE NEW 500-WATT OSCILLATOR-AMPLIFIER TRANSMITTER AT WIMK

Five Type '10 tubes in the aluminum cabinet (at left) are followed by '60 and '61 screen-grid amplifying stages (at right). The jacks to check filament voltage as well as individual plate and grid currents on each tube are mounted on the panel above the shielded cabinet. External C-bias batteries are connected through a Yaxley cable-pluy. The 7-prong-socket is below the platform which carries the whole assembly. To the left of the Type '66 rectifiers is the special filament transformer for all Type '10 tubes and the '60. At the right is a Thordarson 30-henry choke and the filter condenser block. One telegraph-sounder 6-volt relay connects all filament transformers to the 110-volt source at the same time a similar relay in the power supply room connects the stand-by circuits for the mercury-rapor high-voltage rectifier. A second telegraph-sounder relay turns on the 600-volt transformer of the low-voltage powersupply unit shown in the left foreground at the same time another relay in the power room actuates the 2000-volt equipment. The Leach relay at the right is the keying relay for this transmitter. Just back of the relays on the same sub-base is mounted the 225,000-ohm voltage divider from which bias for blocked-grid keying of '60 and '61 stages is obtained. The key-thump filter may also be seen just behind the relays.

The screen-grid resistors for the '60 are mounted back of the panel above the '60. On the extreme right of the assembly back of the panel are screen-grid resistors for the '61. The feeder condensers are on a skeleton mounting in front of the '61 and obscure some of the detail of the '80 and '61 tank circuits, also the r.f. chokes which are mounted directly at the tube terminals. The screen-grid by-pass condensers are mounted under the platform to make the leads short and get these bulky units out of the way. Above the antenna coupling coil is the switching arrangement which makes it possible to connect an r.f. ammeter in either side of the feed line. The four-turn tank coil of the '61 used for 14-mc. operation is shown in place

on the extreme right.

fairly high in the first place, added when the tubes were paralleled, effectively by-passing what little grid excitation could be obtained. After much experimenting with different tube combinations to build up the 14-mc, energy to a value sufficient to fully excite the Type '60 amplifier, the line-up shown in the transmitter diagram, Fig. 5, was decided upon as being the most suitable. A Type '10 oscillator on 3575 kc. is followed by a 7-mc. doubler, which in turn feeds into

since a direct connection of one end of the pushpull tank to the filament of the following tube (or coupling at this end through a condenser) would place one end of the tank at ground potential with respect to r.f. and unbalance the amplifier. It was found that the excitation was ample with the grid connection to the '60 taken off one end of the push-pull tank, leaving the other end of the tank free. The push-pull stage was highly desirable because in it the tube capacities are in

series, which eliminated the objection to two tubes in parallel mentioned previously.

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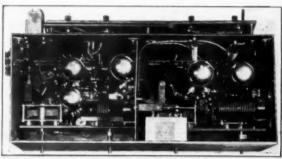
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During the preliminary testing of the transmitter after the constructional work had been finished a rather unusual condition made itself apparent. There was evidence of a strong parasitic oscillation in the push-pull stage which absolutely wrecked the frequency stability and quality of the signal. The usual remedies for such parasities were tried without result — furthermore it was impossible to determine the frequency of the parasitic, even though frequency meters which would go down to three meters were available. The answer was finally found to be in the r.f. choke coils which were in the d.c. plate and grid leads. Evidently the two chokes (ordinary commercial piewound chokes) acted like the plate and grid coils of a tuned-plate, tuned-grid transmitter, and a low-frequency oscillation was set up. The grid and plate tank coils on this stage offered practically no reactance to low frequencies, with the result that there was a vigorous oscillation. Removal of the plate and grid chokes in the push-pull stage completely eliminated this trouble.

The keying system used with this transmitter is one which departs somewhat from usual amateur practice, although often employed in commercial transmitters. It is a form of "blockedgrid" keying, utilizing a voltage-divider across the high-voltage plate supply so arranged that when the key is up part of the plate voltage on the last two amplifiers is applied between the grids and filaments of the tubes so that the plate current on both is reduced to zero. It is a very effective form of keying, and one which gives complete cut-off of power output. As shown in the transmitter diagram, resistors to the value of 225,000 ohms are connected across the 2200-volt upply, with a tap brought out at 75,000 ohms from the negative end. The negative terminal is connected to the positive side of the "C" bias batteries, while the 75,000-ohm tap is connected to the filament center-taps of the '60 and '61. The key is connected directly across the 75,000-ohm resistor, and when closed short-circuits it. When the key is open the drop across the 75,000-ohm

resistor [560 volts] acts as additional bias for the last two amplifiers. The Type '10 tubes in the transmitter are not keyed, but run continuously during an entire period of transmission.

One other feature of the transmitter is worthy of some comment. The desirability of a plug and jack metering system has been mentioned previously, and in order to measure plate current in each stage a separate jack is provided in the plate



THE LOW-POWER STAGES OF THE NEW TRANSMITTER

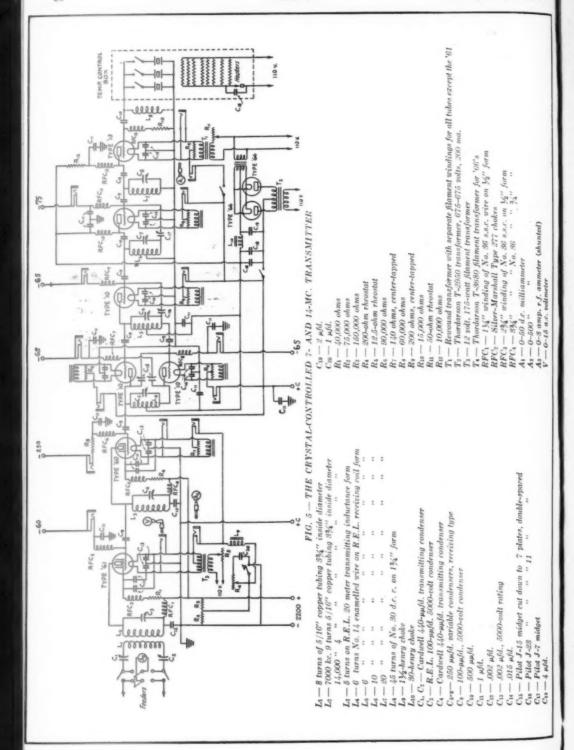
From right to left are the 3500-kc. oscillator, 7000-kc. doubler, 7000-kc. neutralized amplifier or 14,000-kc. doubler, and neutralized push-pull amplifier working on either 7000 or 14,000 kc. All tank coils (of No. 14 wire on notched forms) are placed at right angles and as far apart as pos sible to eliminate undesired feedback. All terminals for plate, grid and filament circuits are brought out to the bakelite panel shown at the top of the photograph (back of the box). Behind the terminal board are the center-tapped resistors for each tube. The resistor at the right is the 10,000ohm unit which drops the oscillator plate voltage to 220. Individual r.f. chokes and by-pass condensers are used in all plate and grid bias leads with the exception of the third and push-pull stages,

Grid-leak bias is used on the oscillator to avoid any danger of feedback through a common C-bias source. A wooden base is used in each half of the cabinet for mounting the parts, Neutralizing condensers are supported on brass angles screwed to the baseboard. A slot sawed in the condenser shafts makes adjustment possible by use of the gadget shown resting on

the supports for the terminal board.

circuit of each tube. If common filament supply had been used for all the Type '10's in the transmitter these jacks would have had to be placed in the positive high-voltage lead to each tube, which would have meant that the jacks on the panel would be at a rather high d.c. potential above ground and the operator would have to be extremely careful in handling the plugs. To bring each jack to ground potential, therefore, it was necessary to have a separate filament supply for each tube so the jacks could be placed in the negative leads. A special transformer was built for this purpose, employing the core and primary winding of an old transformer of suitable power rating. Separate filament windings were put on this transformer for each of the Type '10 tubes and also the Type '60, the latter of course requiring a higher filament voltage. An entirely separate transformer furnishes filament power to the '61. A slight correction of plate-current readings is necessary to take grid current and screen-grid current into account with this method of connection. This is important only on the '60 and '61

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stages, where the total space current may differ considerably from the plate current.

Although the oscillator is designed primarily for crystal control, it may be made self-controlled by switching over to a resonant grid coil in place of the crystal, thus allowing the transmitter to be set on any frequency desired within the amateur bands. It is usually operated, however, with the crystal in the circuit.

The following table shows the actual measured values of plate voltage, plate current and grid bias on each of the tubes in the transmitter under operating conditions:

	$E_b$	$I_{5}$	(ma.)	Ec					
Oscillator, Type '10	220	36.	5	-22	(leak)				
1st doubler, Type '10	580	40		-75					
2nd amplifier or doubler,									
Type'10	580	60		-65					
Push-pull amp., Type '10 (2)	580	160	(total)	-65					
Power amp., Type '60	2200	200		-370					
Power amp., Type '61	2200	380		-60					

The bias on the '61 is not at all critical, and 45 to 135 volts may be used under the operating conditions. With higher plate voltage, however, more bias would be required. The tube is being run well under its normal rating in this transmitter, both to prolong its life and to utilize the present 2200-volt power supply without adding expensive equipment for higher voltages. Of the total bias on the Type '60 tube, 120 volts is supplied by the 60,000-ohm leak, and the remainder by batteries.

#### THE TEMPERATURE-CONTROL BOX

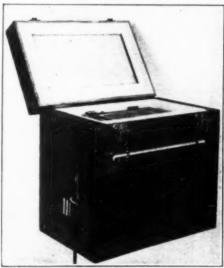
Real frequency stability, even with crystal control, is not attained unless the crystal is maintained at constant temperature. The low plate voltage used on the crystal tube is advantageous because the crystal does not heat from too-strong mechanical vibration when the transmitter is operating. The remaining problem is to keep the crystal temperature constant in spite of the wide variations in room temperature which are encountered at our location. The temperature-control box shown in the photograph is designed to take care of this factor.

The outside box, made of quarter-inch wood stock, is  $9\frac{1}{2} \times 14\frac{1}{2} \times 14\frac{1}{8}$  inches. The inner aluminum box is of riveted construction and is large enough to contain three crystals and their holders on the bottom floor. Between the crystal chamber and the heaters is an attenuation layer of asbestos wool 3/32'' thick, and a  $\frac{1}{4}''$  transite box. The heaters are mounted on each face of this box. Eight  $\frac{1}{4}$ -ampere Ohmspun heaters are used, one each on the top, bottom and ends, and two each on the front and back. This unit sits in the center of the outer box.

Transite is necessary for mechanical rigidity of the inner hinged box shown in the photograph, but asbestos mill board (which is poorer mechanically, but a better heat insulator) is the material used in the outer-box construction.

¼-inch slabs of Transite are used for partitions and double air spaces, two in series between the inside chamber and the outer wall, built into the sides and bottom. Wood stock is used for the outside container and for the different supporting corner posts and cleats for holding the Transite partitions.

Since this temperature-controlled box is designed to remain connected across the 110-volt a.c. line continuously, heat insulation is impor-



THE TEMPERATURE-CONTROL UNIT

A special Faichney 20-60° C. angle thermometer is mounted on the front and the Cenco bi-metallic thermo-regulator on one end of the box. One of the eight Ohmspun heater units is shown mounted on the lid of the hinged inner box. Trunk clasp fastenings effectively pull down the cover and seal the opening

tant. This is the reason for using two compartments instead of a single dead-air space around the inner chamber. Considerable savings in the electric light bill may be made by seemingly insignificant improvements in the heat-insulating properties of the box. For a box designed to reach a constant temperature more quickly, fewer air chambers are required in the interior construction and a thinner attenuation layer is advisable to permit the crystal to get up to operating temperature in a reasonable length of time.

The cost of such a home-built box to hold three crystals is approximately \$30, which, of course, does not include labor, the principal item. The box is assembled for the most part with small nails and screws, the cost mentioned including the special "angle" thermometer (20 to 50 degrees C.), the Cenco thermo-regulator, and two trunk clasps for clamping the cover down tightly and preventing heat leakage.

The precision of the regulation of the bi-metallic type regulator is approximately plus-or-minus 4-degree Centigrade under the best conditions

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and under fair conditions a temperature control of plus-or-minus one degree Centigrade is obtained. Of course the inner box maintains the crystal at a temperature much more constant than this, which is the variation which obtains in the air chamber. The crystals at W1MK are held at 45° C. While the precision of the regulator itself is not so great as may be obtained with mercury-type thermostats, the fact that these require a relay and an auxiliary battery (since the mercury



ROBERT B. PARMENTER, "RP" OF WIMK

column cannot handle much current) make them less desirable for most amateur installations. To handle over 300 watts a relay is recommended for use with even this type of regulator, but the contacts will handle that amount of power supplied at 110 volts with just an occasional cleaning.

Good circulation of air is essential in a temperature-control box to insure uniformity of temperature in all parts. The thermostat must be installed where the circulation of air is most rapid to secure best results. A .25-µfd. condenser is used across the contacts to reduce sparking, and a small pilot lamp is connected across the contacts to show that the device is in operation.

#### OPERATION AND PERSONNEL

The present station is operated several hours daily (except Wednesday and Saturday) on 3575 or 7150 kc., and has been on the air regularly since February, 1928. Many hundreds of contacts with amateurs and members have been recorded. Certain periods are provided exclusively for schedules. General operation in other published periods permits communication with the many

who wish occasional contact with Headquarters for any reason. Information of general interest and timely character is addressed to A.R.R.L. members twice each evening of operation. Reports indicate that such special and official broadcasts are copied by a large "audience." The traffic records of the station speak for themselves as well as the performance in such special communication problems as the coöperation with "The Arctic Patrol" (Army Air Corps flight January, 1930), work with WSBS, DAIV and other plans of lesser magnitude.

For regular operation at W1MK ability of several kinds is required. The operator must be able to send slowly or speedily as a situation demands. Patience, tact, accuracy (above all), and initiative in building up traffic outlets properly distributed geographically - all these and other qualities are needed. The keeping of schedules and handling of traffic must be understood thoroughly. The operator must be able to set an example in every department of operating procedure. The discipline of the commercial operator together with the viewpoint of the ideal amateur is required. How fortunate we were in securing this sort of an operator is well known. Robert B. Parmenter, formerly of W9TW, KUTZ, W9OX-W9WR came to Hartford in February of 1928 just as the installation was receiving the finishing touches. "RP" as he is familiarly known, has kept W1MK on the air ever since. Other operators visiting the station sit in for a twirl at the dials occasionally. Members of the Headquarters staff may be recognized when they operate by their personal "sines" which are listed in every issue of QST. In times of emergency which require that the station be on the air continually EV, AH and FH will usually be found to be the members doing volunteer duty behind the key.

Our Headquarters' Station often has to account for itself on extremely short notice. Since equipment has certain definite limitations, the facilities have sometimes been overloaded by overlapping operating programs dictated by circumstances of the moment. Suffice to say that the station must cater to many different types of operating activities dedicated to the interest of League members. The many schedules and obligations of the station make operating at W1MK a real job.

Much could be said about operating practices, observation of trespassers in and out of our bands, policy of acknowledging every QSL, adherence of different stations we schedule to the given frequency and time, transmission conditions in different bands and seasons, and like subjects, but these things make another story. Our present purpose has been simply to record the work of the station and to touch on the various parts of the equipment in a general way.

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#### Standard Frequency News and Schedules

#### W1XP, W9XAN and W6XK in Regular Operation—Special Calls Assigned to S. F. Stations

HE early morning hours of November first, with but a few DX hounds as witnesses, saw the completion of the A.R.R.L. Standard Frequency System's organization program. Right on the tick of 4:00 a.m., P.S.T., the new West Coast station, W6XK, opened up with its first scheduled transmission. We knew that Harold Peery and his assistants had made a good job of it because the signals rolled in a good QSA 5 here in Hartford, with a good d.c. note and right on frequency.

A special call for the standard frequency transmissions had been assigned to the Elgin station. It is W9XAN. The Round Hill station will continue to sign W1XP. The description of the standard frequency equipment at the latter station, which was tentatively scheduled for this issue of QST, will appear in the January issue instead. The article is by Howard Chinn and is packed with information on frequency measurement and the method of transmitting standard frequency signals as well as a wealth of constructional data on frequency standards, multi-vibrators and other equipment.

The three stations are on for all scheduled transmissions. Unfavorable conditions and skip-distance effects will account for failure to hear transmissions on some frequencies at certain distances and must be taken into account. QRM continues to be a serious handicap and many amateurs have suggested that those amateur stations operating on the frequencies used during a standard frequency transmission stand by while their frequency is being transmitted. This would require only an eight-minute "QRX" and would mean a lot to the fellows who are trying to use the af. signals. Let's have a little more cooperation and a reduction in QRM.

Here are the schedules for December and January. The schedules for December are the mme as published in November QST with the exception that W9XAN's Schedule BX on December 6 has been eliminated. This early morning schedule will be transmitted once every four weeks by W6XK, however.

#### DATES OF TRANSMISSION

DATES		
Date	Schedule	Station
Dec. 5, Friday	BB	W6XK
	В	W1XP
	A	W9XAN
Dec. 7, Sunday	BB	W9XAN
	C	W6XK
Dec. 12, Friday	C	W6XK
Dec. 14, Sunday	C	W1XP
Dec. 19, Friday	A	W1XP
	В	W9XAN
	В	W6XK

Dec. 26, Friday	BB	W1XP
	В	W9XAN
	A	W6XK
Dec. 27, Saturday	BX	W6XK
Dec. 28, Sunday	C	W8XAN
Jan. 2, Friday	BB	W6XK
	B	WIXP
	A	W9XAN
Jan. 4, Sunday	BB	W9XAN
	C	W6XK
Jan. 9, Friday	C	W6XK
Jan. 11, Sunday	C	WIXP
Jan. 16, Friday	A	W1XP
	В	W9XAN
	В	W6XK
Jan. 23, Friday	BB	W1XP
	B	W9XAN
	A	W6XK
Jan. 24, Saturday	BX	W6XK
Jan. 25, Sunday	C	W9XAN
Jan. 30, Friday	BB	W6XK
	B	WIXP
	A	W9XAN

#### STANDARD EREQUENCY SCHEDULES

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(p.m.)	A	B	(p.m.)	BB	C					
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8:00	3500	7000	4:00	7000	14,000					
8:08	3550	7100	4:08	7100	14,100					
8:16	3600	7200	4:16	7200	14,200					
8:24	3700	7300	4:24	7300	14,300					
8:32	3800		4:32		14,400					
8:40	3900									
0.49	4000									

Saturday Mornings Schedule and Frequency Time (a.m.) BX kc. 4:00 7000 4:08 7100 4:16 7200 4:24 7300

The time specified in the schedules is local standard time at the transmitting station. W1XP uses Eastern Standard Time, W9XAN, Central Standard Time, and W6XK, Pacific Standard Time. Schedule BB transmitted by W1XP is intended particularly for European amateurs and starts at 2100 G.C.T. Schedule BX is transmitted especially for amateurs in Oceania and the Far East. It is transmitted starting at 1200 G.C.T. by W6XK. Reports on these special schedules are particularly desired, not only from overseas hams but from those in the Americas

Although the frequencies of the transmitting stations are not guaranteed as to accuracy, every effort is made to keep to within 0.01% of the announced frequencies. The frequency standards

are calibrated against the National Frequency Standard. Frequent checks on the transmissions are made by laboratories equipped with accurate frequency standards and the transmissions are also checked by the U.S. Department of Commerce monitoring stations.

#### TRANSMITTING PROCEDURE

The time allotted to each transmission is 8 minutes, divided as follows:

2 minutes - QST QST QST de (station call letters).

3 minutes - Characteristic letter of station, interrupted by call letters and statement of frequency. Characteristic letter of W1XP is of W9XAN is "D," and of W6XK is "F."

1 minute - Statement of frequency in kilocycles and announcement of next frequency.

2 minutes - Time allowed to change to next frequency.

#### THE TRANSMITTING STATIONS

W1XP: Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Round Hill Research, South Dartmouth, Mass., Howard A. Chinn in charge.

W9XAN: Elgin Observatory, Elgin National Watch Company, Elgin, Ill., Frank D. Urie in charge

W6XK: Don Lee Broadcasting System, Los Angeles, Calif., Harold Peery in charge.

Do not forget to QSL the transmissions. All reports should be sent to the A.R.R.L. Standard Frequency System, Hartford, Conn. A record will be made at Headquarters and the report will be then forwarded to the proper station. S. F. report blanks can be obtained from Headquarters, free and postpaid, upon request.

QRX for Standard Frequency Transmissions.

-J.J.L.

#### Corrections

An error in the diagram of W7GP's receiver on p. 47 of the October issue put 45 volts on the filaaudio amplifier. The corrected diagram appears

In the description of the new Ward Leonard plaque resistors on p. 40 of November QST, substitute the word "possible" for "impossible" in the third line above the photograph.

The left-hand term of the equation in footnote 3 on page 28, November QST, should have been  $(2\pi f)^2$  instead of  $(2f)^2$ .

In the article on "Volume Level Indicators," November QST, the circuit diagrams of Fig. 2 and Fig. 5 should be transposed. This will be immediately apparent to anyone familiar with the Modulometer.

The author has since written us that it might be better to use a volume-indicator coupling transformer of higher primary impedance than 500 ohms in Figs. 4 and 6, since a low-impedance primary will absorb too much power from the circuit. An ordinary audio transformer with the primary connected to the output of the speech amplifier should work well and draw negligible

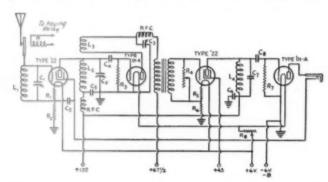
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"Pvrex" is applied to several The name varieties of glass made by the Corning Glass Works, chief of which are the "chemical-resistant glass" and "electrical-resistant glass." In order to avoid clumsy wording, "Pyrex" will be used in QST to refer only to the electrical-resistant glass unless otherwise stated.

Louis S. Miller, Brockton, Mass., and W1ASZ, Pawtucket, R. I., have both written us suggesting that the insulating plugs on Ford transmission covers make excellent stand-off or lead-in insulators. The spring should be removed and a bolt inserted through the hole after the fashion of G.R. insulators.

> A tip for the fellows who are too much inclined to "nerve sending" with the finger tips and who tire out trying to send a continuous message of any length: Try operating with the nails and knuckles of the first two fingers lying on top of the key with the thumb coming up under the edge of the flange to aid in making characters. The bent-over knuckles form a natural spring which relaxes easily after each pressure, with the result that there is less stuttering and ballingup of characters, and a long mes-

sage is easier to send even at a good clip. There is no effort of hanging onto the key all the time.



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#### Experimenters' Section

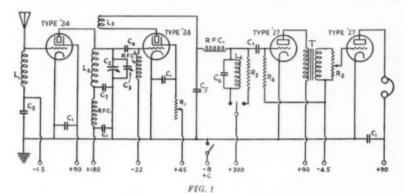
Converting the Four-Tube Receiver to A.C. Operation

By W. K. McCulla, W9AE-W9BTU\*

T WOULD appear from the number of photographs in QST and from the personal experience of the author, that there are many of Hull's four tube plug-in coil and condenser receivers in operation among the gang.1

The following is a brief description of one of these receivers which has been successfully converted to a.c. operation, making use of plate two plates spaced approximately 3/4 inch apart. The purpose of this condenser is to vary the beat note on a received signal without touching the main tuning control of the receiver.

The condenser  $C_4$ , normally a grid condenser, in this particular circuit merely acts as a blocking condenser. Grid bias for the detector tube is supplied by a small 221/2-volt "C" battery mounted in the set. The positive was connected to the ground, negative connected to the grid through a Hammarlund radio-frequency choke. The regeneration is controlled by a 200,000-



L1 - Antenna coils wound on old tube base 3500 kc. - 30 turns No. 30 s.s.c. wire

7000 kc. - 30 turns No. 30 s.s.c. wire

14,000 kc. - 15 turns No. 30 s.s.c. wire L2, L3 - Same specifications as in original set

L4 - Ford coil secondary without core  $C_1 - 1$  ufd.

Tuning condensers same specifications as in original set

C3 - Beat note condenser described in text C4 - .01 wfd.

Cs - .002 µfd. Co - .015 audio tuning condenser

C7 - .006 µfd.

R<sub>1</sub> — 200,000-ohm variable resistor

R<sub>2</sub> — 200,000-ohm potentiometer

Rs - 75,000 ohms

R4 -2 megohms

- Audio transformer

RFC<sub>1</sub> — Receiver-type r.f. choke RFC<sub>2</sub> — Hammarlund Polarized r.f. choke

The heaters of the tubes are connected in parallel and supplied from a 2.5-volt transformer. Heater wiring is not shown in the above diagram.

rectification in the detector circuit, or as the broadcast fraternity call it, "linear power detection." The circuit is shown in Fig. 1.

In place of the 10,000-ohm resistance in the antenna circuit a four-prong socket was mounted on the sub-panel and a semi-tuned antenna inductance was substituted for the resistor. "C" bias for the first '24 is secured by a 11/2-volt dry cell munted by a radio-frequency by-pass condenser, also mounted on the sub-panel.

In this particular receiver, no changes were made in the coil and tuning-condenser assembly with the exception that  $C_2$  was added. This was a mall Pilot condenser in which all plates but one stator and one rotor were removed and those ohm resistor in series with the screen-grid lead to the detector tube.

By means of a selector switch either a peaked audio system or one having a flat amplification characteristic is available. The optimum output coupling resistance for a screen-grid detector is in the neighborhood of 200,000 to 250,000 ohms. Experimenting with this receiver, however, showed that the voltage amplification was not greatly decreased or any great amount of distortion introduced by the use of a lower value of resistance. With a tickler coil suitable for use with a 200,000-ohm resistor in the plate circuit of the detector it was impossible to control oscillation with the switch on the peaked-audio system side, because of the smaller voltage drop through the choke compared to that through the resistor;

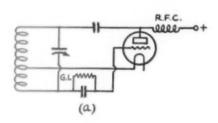
<sup>\*148</sup> S. Genesee Street, Waukegan, Ill.
<sup>1</sup>Described in November 1928, QST and in the Handbook.

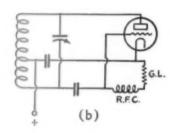
75,000 ohms was the most workable compromise and was therefore used.

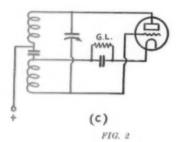
If the receiver shows a tendency to have a bad fringe howl it can be eliminated by changing the value of the resistance  $R_4$ . In this particular case  $R_4$  had a value of two megohms.

The purpose of the switch in the B minus lead is to afford a means of taking the plate voltage off the tubes during transmission periods.

It will be noticed that the cathodes of all tubes operate at ground potential. It is the custom in most broadcast receivers to supply the grid bias







between the ground and the cathode, to aid in hum elimination. However, in this receiver no particular advantage was noticed by so doing.

This set is operated with a.c. for the filament lighting and batteries to supply the plate current. Inasmuch as the total over-all drain is only eight milliamperes, no particular economy could be anticipated from building a power supply for the plate current. However, should it be desirable, nodifficulty should be experienced in the construction of an adequate a.c. plate supply.

Judicious use of by-pass condensers aids in maintaining proper radio frequency paths. The lead from the condenser  $C_4$  to the tube is encased in a Carter screen-grid lead shield. No other shielding is used in the receiver.

Because of an unusually poor location, it is impossible at W9AE to hear any amateur stations other than those within the limits of the United States. It might be said, however, that an audio frequency volume increase of about two to one over the previous performance of the d.c. set resulted from the conversion to the circuit shown.

Some trouble was experienced with bad "bubbling" in some of the Type '24 tubes tried. This noise can be cured by placing them across a 6-volt battery for five minutes with no plate voltage on.

#### A CHOKELESS HARTLEY CIRCUIT

"A short time ago I set for myself the problem of devising a short-wave transmitter which would not require any radio-frequency choke, and which would yet be more simple than the Hoffman balanced Colpitts or the t.p.t.g. I took a pencil and paper and drew all the simple sending circuits with which I was acquainted and tried to alter them so as to eliminate the radio-frequency choke. I soon hit upon (b), Fig. 2, which is electrically the same as the ordinary Hartley circuit (a). However (b) still has a radio-frequency choke, but it is now in the grid circuit because the positive plate supply is connected at a point of zero r.f. voltage, while the grid leak cannot be connected at such point without splitting the coil as in (c). But let's look at our grid leak before discarding (b). Yes, it's made just like we suspected it was, out of a very large number of turns of very fine resistance wire wound on a porcelain tube. Why cannot it be used as a grid leak and grid r.f. choke rolled into one? There is no good reason why it cannot and at least one good one why it should be, for its high distributed resistance quite effectively keeps it from resonating at some frequencies and absorbing power.

"A 14,000-kc. transmitter was immediately built to test out this idea. It used a Type '10 tube as an oscillator and a wire wound 10,000-ohm resistor which cost 25 cents at the dime store in the rôle of grid choke and leak. The plate voltage was between 600 and 700 volts and introducing a plate r.f. choke did not change the plate current at all. A grid choke was not tried because the mere fact that the tiny grid leak did not burn up proved that it could not be carrying an appreciable amount of r.f.

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"This circuit adjusts exactly like the standard Hartley circuit and requires fewer parts than any of the other 'chokeless' circuits with which I am familiar. The only precaution is to see that the grid leak is of a type which has inductance and to be sure that the grid condenser will stand the full plate voltage. The first layout that I built works

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so beautifully that it is now the only transmitter in use at my station."

- Roger M. Wilson, W6AMJ

#### QSY WITH CRYSTAL CONTROL

"Having read Mr. Boyd Phelps' article on QSY with crystal control in the September issue of QST, I am prompted to write about the method in use at W9CIR. There is considerable satisfaction in being able to QSY to any part of the band in spite of the fact that only one crystal is in use.

"As is well known, in grinding a crystal a condition is often met where hundreds of parasitic oscillations are set up on each side of the main frequency. As an experiment the writer decided to try to build up the strength of these oscillations so they could be used to excite a buffer amplifier.

"A coil was placed in the grid circuit of the crystal stage to produce regeneration. This gave the desired results, and sufficient excitation was obtained to swing the grid of a buffer. The grid coil was then tapped at every turn, and this enabled the proper harmonic to be picked up and amplified. Later, a variometer was substituted for the tapped coil, and QSY was then possible over the entire 3500-kc. band.

"In shifting frequency it is only necessary to turn the variometer to a pre-determined setting and bring the tank circuit into resonance, returning the amplifier tanks, of course. The entire operation takes but a few seconds, and the crystal has at no time shown a tendency to jump to any other frequency."

- Frank Weidenbach, W9CIR-KGDA

#### D.C. HOUSE CURRENT SUPPLY FOR THE TRANSMITTER

"Just a line for the sake of those poor 'hams' who, as I, have d.c. in their homes and can't afford an m.g. or dynamotor, and who would at least like to QSO an adjacent district instead of being limited to that in which they live. 'B' batteries are always possible as a means of getting a little voltage for a plate supply, but they cost plenty and don't last very long. So one must resort to the house current.

"Now, it's easy enough to connect the plate to the positive and the filament center-tap to the negative; the problem arises in getting sufficient voltage to work something more than just locals. In most d.c. equipped houses this is done easily enough by drawing 220 volts from the line. Sounds impossible that 220 volts can be drawn from a 110-volt line, but it is done in this manner:

"Test the plug nearest the back of the house by sticking the two wires about 1½ inches apart in a potato. The one which turns the potato slightly green is the positive. Take this wire and test for ground (to find out which terminal of your

line at this point is grounded) by placing the middle terminal of an ordinary electric-light bulb on a place of good ground and touch the other terminal with one of the wires from the socket that you just tested. If the bulb lights when you touch it with the positive terminal, for example, then it stands to reason that the negative terminal is grounded. The same procedure is gone through for one of the sockets in the front of the house. It will usually be noted that the opposite terminal to that in the back is grounded. I say usually; because, knowing practically nil about house wiring, I don't know much except that my house and a couple of others that I have tested are wired this way. That is to say that if in the front the positive is grounded, the negative will be grounded in the back; or vice-versa.

"The rest is easy. Just take those two ungrounded terminals, one from in front, and one from in back, attach them to the transmitter at the correct places; and, Presto! you have 220 where you had before 110 volts.

"Any house line may, and probably will, have a slight commutator ripple. This gives a more or less good r.a.c. note, and if a pure d.c. note is desired, a choke of about 150 or 200 turns of No. 24 to 30 wire wound on an iron screw or some such will effectively eliminate the ripple. I have been using 150 turns of No. 28 wire on a 1½ inch screw and when the transmitter is tuned properly I get xtal reports consistently.

"With this rig and the xmitter circuit shown in December, 1929, QST I have worked all districts but the 6th and 7th. I hope to work them this winter by putting two Type '01-A's in parallel, instead of just the one tube.

"If this system of plate supply is used, it would be as well to get a couple of one-ampere fuses to put in the two line leads. Also, don't try any form of direct coupling because if the antenna is not perfectly insulated it is likely to form a short circuit between ground and one of the plate-juice leads. If you use one of those trick antennas wherein the feeder is supposed to be 9 feet off center, couple it to the tank coil by putting a fixed condenser in the feeder somewhere. This will not affect the signal as far as decreasing QSA goes and may help in giving a steadier, better note, depending on various conditions. At any rate, be mighty sure your antenna does not swing because there is a large capacity between antenna and ground, caused by the fact that the normal opposite pole of either of your plate leads is grounded. The least swing, therefore is very noticeable. To eliminate a slight swing that I got whenever the people in the houses opposite me put out clothes to dry (my antenna is attached to the pole there) I put one of those five-cent screen-door springs between the antenna and this pole and now have very steady sigs; even on Mondays!'

- A. F. Smith, Jr., W2BXJ

Some trouble can be saved in determining whether or not it is possible to get 220 volts from the house line by inspecting the service meter. If there are three wires coming into it the 220 is available, and may be taken directly from the two ungrounded terminals (on the house side of the meter, of course) or from sockets at different parts of the house as described above. Ninety volts of heavy duty "B" batteries in series with the 220 so obtained will make quite a respectable power supply for a Type '45 tube — or two of them in a rig such as was described in last month's OST.

#### THREE-BAND TRANSMITTING ANTENNAS

The problem of fitting an antenna for the three most popular bands into a limited space is always a puzzling one for the beginner, or for that matter for the advanced amateur as well. One suggestion was made in the January, 1928, issue of QST; we present herewith a few more from various sources.

The first of these is explained in the following letter from Don L. Spender, W1HD:

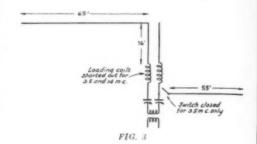
"A new antenna system for efficient operation in the three principal amateur bands (3.5, 7 and 14 megacycles) was recently installed at W1HD. It is suitable for erection in the limited amount of space available to the average amateur, and permits quick and easy shifting from one band to another. It has proved to be so eminently satisfactory in operation that it was decided to set forth the details for the benefit of any brother amateur who may be cramped for antenna space, as is the case at W1HD.

."The system consists of a fundamental Hertz antenna, of a length suitable for operation in the 7-mc. band. A length of 65 feet is usually about right. This is fed at the near end by a 16-foot Zeppelin feeder. The system as it now stands is suitable only for operation in the 14-mc. band.

"By cutting into the feeder two matched loading coils as shown in Fig. 3, wound in the same direction, of such proportions that the feeder will tune to 7 mc., the antenna may be operated in this band with practically the same efficiency as the usual 7-mc. Zeppelin antenna with 25- to 30-foot feeders. Then, by cutting out the loading coils, tying the feeders together and adding a separate wire (a so-called 'counterpoise') long enough to allow fundamental operation in the 3.5-mc. band the system will work in the latter band with good efficiency.

"The usual 7-mc. Zeppelin antenna may of course be operated, with a counterpoise, in the 3.5 megacycle band; but the system described is probably more effective, because the feeder is only of the order of 16 feet or so in length; hence, when used with a counterpoise, the transmitter is coupled at a point much closer to the voltage node than can be the case when using 25- to 35-foot feeders.

"The loading coils used at W1HD are 12 turns each of 12 gauge wire, space-wound on 2-inch



bakelite tubing; the coils are wound in the same direction, and are set up parallel to each other a distance apart about equal to the spacing between the feeder wires. The number of turns on these coils was determined by reference to a thermo-ammeter placed in the center of the antenna, with the transmitter operating at constant frequency and input in the 7-mc. band.

"The counterpoise used with the system here is 55 feet long; this length may vary slightly with different installations."

#### Southeastern Division Sections Consolidate

AT the suggestion of E. W. Mayer, K4KD, the Porto Rico-Virgin Islands Section of the Southeastern Division has been combined with the Georgia-South Carolina-Cuba-Isle of Pines Section operating under SCM Alexander, W4RZ. The amount of activity and number of stations reporting in Porto Rico and the Virgin Islands was deemed insufficient to warrant a separate section. Amateurs who previously reported their activities to former SCM Mayer should now report to SCM M. S. Alexander, W4RZ, 47 Second Avenue, S. E., Atlanta, Georgia.

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#### Strays %

A Pyrex test tube coated on outside and inside with tinfoil makes an excellent high-voltage blocking condenser which tests OK at 3000 volts.

— W6BRI

W7II suggests using a variable resistor in series with the negative high-voltage and center-tap of the filament transformer for obtaining "C" bias for a modulator tube. A separate filament winding is required for each tube so supplied. When the resistor is used, separate "C" batteries are not required, but it must be kept in mind that bias so obtained reduces the plate voltage by the amount of bias voltage.

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#### Conducted by Clinton B. DeSoto

NE of the most important questions affecting amateur operating procedure is always one for which a comprehensive, definite and determinate answer has never been secured, namely, the exact status of amateurs regulations in all the countries of the world

As previously reported in these columns, one of the resolutions passed at the Antwerp Congress in July was concerned with this problem. It embodied a request to I.A.R.U. Headquarters to prepare a pamphlet containing data to be submitted by various sections giving the laws governing amateur radio in each country. This request was referred to Union member-societies in Calendar No. 4, and it is hoped that all members will coöperate to the extent of supplying copies of the amateur regulations existing in their respective countries.

This provides for only eighteen of the principal mations of the world, out of a possible total of seventy-odd countries wherein are located amateur stations. It is therefore that this present means is taken to request the amateur society of each country, colony, protectorate, or political land area, possessing individual regulatory codes, to forward to Union Headquarters at the earliest possible moment copies or translations of all laws affecting amateur operation. Other pertinent information concerned with licensing, numbers of setive transmitters, memberships, etc. will also the appreciated. Where no active society is in this tence, individual amateurs are requested to apply the needed information, in the interests of

international coöperation and to further international understanding.



Hartford Times Photo

HIRAM PERCY MAXIM, PRESIDENT OF THE I.A.R.U., SENDING OUT THE SIGNAL WHICH OPENED THE W.I.A. 1930 RADIO EXHIBITION AT MELBOURNE

(See the Australian Report in this issue.)

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the granting of as great a percentage as possible of the amateur privileges as set aside by the International Radiotelegraph Convention to amateurs in their own countries, and at the same time an eve should be kept turned toward future conferences empowered to alter the international code.

The primary step toward these goals should be acquainting the people of your nation, the officials of your government, with the value of the work

done by amateurs. Let us suggest here that you turn once more to the editorial in the September issue of QST, and read it over again. Now is the time to start a program of international publicity, with each society accepting responsibility for a national unit in the complete scheme. Now is the time to create that favorbackground. that intense sym- one of three similar displays submitted by only ALONG WITH THE ACTUAL CARDS IN APPLYING FOR HIS WAC CERTIFICATE pathy for the amateur and his eu-

deavors, those good wishes for his ultimate success in the coming international parleys. It is urged that every amateur organization consider the establishment of a publicity service for its own country, for the purposes suggested above.

We return once more to the subject of DX time-tables. Have you checked over the results obtained thus far in the autumn season with those published in this department during the winter and spring months of last year? Do they still hold good as to times, places, bands, etc.? Probably they will have changed by some noticeably large degree. If such is the case it is your call to work out a comprehensive listing of the results obtained at the present time, making it as detailed and as definite as time and opportunity permit, and send it along to this department.

To show that we will do something about it, here's some dope on reception of W stations in New Zealand:

From August 15 to March 30 On 14 mc. stations are heard from 0100 to 0500 On 7 mc. stations are heard from 0500 to 1200 (Only Pacific Coast stations heard between 0800 to 1000)

On 3.5 mc. from 0700 to 0830

March to August On 7 me. from 0730 to 0130

Few stations heard on other bands and at other times.

Which brings to mind the unusual success enjoyed by New Zealand amateurs in hearing United States stations on the 3.5-mc. band, during the autumn months. According to reports eighty meters has been "hot" down at the Antipodes this year.

We record with pleasure the issuance of another WAC for 'phone certificate. This time it is

to Frank R. Neill. GI5NJ, of "Chesterfield," Whitehead, Belfast, Ireland. His is the fourth WAC for phone extant; the second in the British Isles.

One of the many interesting points brought out by amateur experience in connection with the study of wave propagation is the apparentlyintense strength of North American signals in Iraq, and the relaph cife

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tively great difficulty experienced in receiving YI signals on the American end of the circuit. This could obviously be due, in the main, to the numbers of stations on this side and the resulting difficulty in hearing any foreign signals reliably, but experience seems to point out even more attenuation than can thus be accounted for.

Nevertheless, a surprisingly large percentage of U. S. WAC Club members have obtained their Asian contact through some one of the many enterprising stations located in Iraq.



By W. G. Sones, Dir. Fed. Publicity, W. I. A.

Mention has been made previously of the temporary concessions which Australian amateurs have enjoyed in regard to telephone operation between 1715 and 1200 kc. (150 to 250 meters) and also for operation in the 3.5-mc. band.

The most important item of news this month is a further extension of the concessions until January 31st, 1930. The use of the band is of course subject to non-interference with other services and there are very definite hours of working during the week-ends, particularly on Sunday between 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m., 3:00 and 4:30 p.m. and 6:00 to 6:30 p.m. being prohibited. The hours have always been observed as a silent period, however, because of interference with B.C.L.'s, so that this is not in the nature of an additional restriction. Instead, it is regarded as a concession,

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## Calls Heard

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#### Washington Licenses

FEDERAL RADIO COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D. C.

September 22, 1930.

My dear Mr. Maxim:

As you know, the Radio Act of 1927 makes the Federal Radio Commission responsible for the issue of radio licenses, including those of amateurs. Early in the existence of the Federal Radio Commission the duty of administering licenses to amateurs was delegated to the Radio Division, Department of Commerce, for reasons that existed at that time.

Since the Federal Radio Commission has now been provided with adequate facilities as regards office space and personnel, there is no longer any reason why the provisions of the Act should not be carried out by the Commission. Steps have been taken this day by the Commission to bring this about. A copy of the order is inclosed. [See article, "Changes in Regulations," in this issue. — Ed.]

As you know, the Commission has always been interested in the amateurs of the country and appreciates the good work which has been done by them. The Commission desires that all matters connected with the administration of amateur licenses be carried on in the most efficient and satisfactory manner. Any suggestions from you as to improving the procedure in the issue of amateur licenses will be gladly received by the Commission.

Yours very truly, C. McK. Saltzman, Chairman.

#### VOOH

East Greenland Expedition for Museum of American Indian Heye Foundation Editor, QST:

You have no idea what a source of comfort and relief it was to have the amateur radio men and girls in America and Europe come to our call, taking our messages back and forth to loved ones. After all, they are the ones who appreciate it more. We wish it could be possible to give all the amateurs a trip to the land of polar bears, musk oxen, icebergs and continuous days. The only thing we can do however is send our warmest thanks and best wishes to all the amateurs.

- R. A. Bartlett

#### **Technical Articles**

Worcester C. P., South Africa

Editor, QST:

Relative to your editorial in the August number, it is strange that out here with our S.A.R.R.L. effort the editor is asked why he does not furnish more technical articles. The reply is that our magazine "QTC" is more or less of a family magazine and too — technical articles are out of place; while we all get QST, or should.

And so while we sympathize with the complainants we hope that with your resources you will continue your present policy in the matter of technical articles.

More power to your elbow.

- S. H. Walters, ZU1D

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Editor, QST:

A short time ago I became interested in radio. To be exact I put my first transmitter on the air in 1910, just twenty years ago, not long enough for me to forget that I was not born with my knowledge of radio. I have always believed in listening to the other fellow instead of doing the talking myself.

I have been reading QST some ten years and this is my first letter. The reason for this epistle is the letter from A. D. Middleton, WSUC and WSAKA, in the October issue — page 56.

Every man has a right to his opinion. The fact that it does not conform with our own does not alter that right. I wish to take issue with W8UC on the last part of his letter, wherein he refers to the numbers of "lids" on the air to-day.

From my observation there is a greater interest in amateur radio to-day than at any other time since the little unpleasantness across the pond. This increased interest has given us an unusual number of beginners. These beginners are the only material from which to make the amateur and commercial operators to pound the brass when our ears are dulled and our fists will no longer separate the dots and dashes.

I may be mistaken, but I think most of this interference in our bands comes from the beginners, caused not through malice but ignorance. Brother, don't call them "lids" until you know they are. Look up their records. If they have "been on" a sufficient length of time to know



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better then they are "lids" and I have  $n_0$  sympathy for them.

In all my career I have never been too learned or too busy to explain in understandable language anything that a beginner asked, even though he could not converse in terms higher than "two turns on a two-inch coil."

Here is my conception of a drive against the "lids." Make contact with him; find out whether he is a beginner or a "lid." If the first, tell him what is right and wrong — if necessary write him a letter. If he proves to be a genuine "lid" tell him where to get off. If he persists in malpractice advertise him to other hams. Nature will take its course.

Amateur radio has been my greatest hobby, commercial operating my vocation and taking sides with the beginner my greatest weakness and pleasure. I never expect my name to blaze on memorial tablets for great achievements, but if when it appears in QST under "Silent Keys" some ham says "Bless his memory, he helped me over some rough spots," then I will stand by in peace.

Yours for better conditions.

- Ellis E. McBride, W4KX

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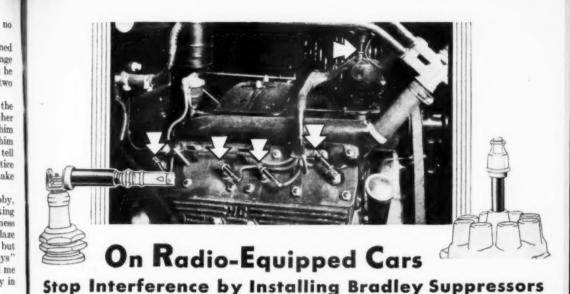
Editor, QST:

It was with much amusement that I read the letter by Mr. A. D. Middleton in the Correspondence Section of October QST. He seems to have a grievance against the world in general, and against the poor hams in particular. Of course, we all cannot sop up all the dope that is published in QST, while it seems that WSUC thinks that is the main requirement.

I must admit that I agree with him in reference to these birds who sit on their keys and forget to get up. But if he has never served in any branch of the commercial racket or the Government radio business, he has never heard any QRM. I served on board the U.S.S. North Dakota, and when we were stationed in Cuba or down around South America, the Old Man didn't take the QRM as an excuse for not getting N.A.A's press schedule every night. Many days we had to stand watch with lightning pounding down in the sea all around us. QRM? QRN? You ain't heard nothin'.

As to a man sending hash — what does this amateur game amount to anyway? I am new in the ham game, only having been on the air since last June, but I will say that all my QSO's were with fine fellows, and while our topics of discussion were only things concerning WX or radio or something on that order, I cannot consider that as hash. I am just as proud of those QSO's as if I were still serving Uncle Sam and all were important messages. I am in this game for the fun that I can get out of it, and while there is no excuse for a man holding down his key any longer than necessary, I believe it is all in the game.

Here's hoping that WSUC-WSAKA gets a



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different view on life, and that he will answer a few of these long CQ's and work the man to the hitter end.

- S. M. Douglas, W4ACB

#### Suggestions

1928 Lewis Ave. Long Beach, Calif.

Editor, QST:

I would like to offer a couple of suggestions for improvements in operating practice. Both ideas have been used at W6DZK for several years, and they work well - when the other operator under-

The first is this: Why not, at the end of each CQ, sign TOP, or BTM, indicating at which end of the band you intend to start listening. Thus, if the other operator hears you sign BTM, and his wave is near the bottom, then he knows that he need only give you a short call.

The second suggestion is merely to alternate the end of the band at which you start listening. This practice would probably eliminate such statements as: "I can't raise him; he always starts listening at the top of the band and my wave is at the bottom," etc. A good station nearly always hears one or more answers to calls before covering the width of the band.

Possibly these ideas have been submitted before, but I failed to notice them. At any rate, please take them for what they are worth

- Orin C. Lewis, W6DZK

The suggestion is a good one but may lead to confusion unless we define the "top" and "bottom" of a band. In spite of QST's many adjurations to hams to think in terms of kilocycles instead of meters, there are many to whom the high-frequency end of a band is the "bottom" and not the "top." Maybe some sort of system using the words "high" and "low" instead of "top" and "btm" would overcome this—or better yet "hf" and "lf."—Editor.

#### Commercial Operating

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Editor, QST:

As to your query, "Do tankers have port holes," I am taking the liberty of presenting my views on commercial operating in verification of as well as in contradiction to the letter from Mr. M. R. Rathbone.

I have followed the sea as a commercial operator for over five years and have been on passenger ships, freighters and tankers. I feel that I am in a position to give an unbiased view of living conditions as well as of the moral association into which the average commercial operator is

I have at no time ashore found men so willing to be of assistance, men so willing to go out of their way to do you a favor as the larger percentage of seagoing mates and engineers. I have found them at all times willing to give a hand to the man who comes on board a vessel to assume his duties as radio operator for the first time. Mr. Rathbone has assumed a most unfair as well as

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 I am giving in a letter further information about myself, my ambitions, etc., to enable you to give me your personal advice.

narrow view with regard to the official personnel of our American Merchant Marine, and I am sure that he has had time to regret his statement. As for the education of the present mate or engineer, has Mr. Rathbone taken into consideration the three or more years he has had to work and study to be able to procure his license? Not in a nicely lighted and heated college but in a school of hard knocks, in a battle with the elements wind, sea, heat and cold as well as a necessary course of study. Is not that in itself a liberal education?

As for the morals of our Merchant Marine as a whole, I think they are above reproach. Did Mr. Rathbone stop to consider the position into which the average sea-going man is thrown? If he had, I believe he would have been more lenient with his condemnation. I have at no time found men more respectful and solicitious of the companionship of a good woman than a sailor. To prove my statement, take the YL's on any merchant vessel and see for yourself the courteous treatment which they will receive. I doubt if it can be surpassed by any body of men ashore.

As for the actual living conditions, I heartily agree with Mr. Rathbone. Many operating berths are decidedly inadequate due to meagre accommodations and to their placement. Steamship companies lose hundreds of dollars each year because of the continual change of operators on these undesirable vessels. It would be well if the owners would take the interests of the operator to heart when designing the radio room and his living quarters. The meals on board vessels of the American Merchant Marine vary in accordance with the allowance per day per man but more so with the ability and knowledge of the steward's department on each vessel. On passenger ships meals vary mostly with the size and run of the vessel and quite a variety of edibles can be expected which should be more than satisfactory to suit the most fastidious operator.

As for the romantic and adventurous side of operating, Mr. Rathbone seems to be something of a cynic. After five years of operating, I find I still enjoy a visit to a foreign port or a trip up the Mississippi. From an educational point of view, I believe a trip to Europe, the museums and art galleries of Brussels, Amsterdam, Antwerp and many others too numerous to mention will more than repay the average operator for the time expended in procuring his ticket.

At the present writing, there is more than a surplus of operators and any berth is not to be overlooked. Runs cannot be picked at random and the new operator should not be discouraged if his first ship contains all the disadvantages that can be expected from an operating standpoint.

- L. E. Littlejohn, Ex-5NE, WQDL

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Editor, QST:

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me so splendidly in a recent bit of traffic handling.

With no schedules being prearranged, I took 170 messages from the Philadelphia Radio Show, where W3IC, W3IA, W3AW and W3AKY were operating W3ATC at the U. S. Naval Reserve Booth. The fine operating of these fellows enabled me to receive the traffic without any trouble. It was just another one of the "long shots" and I had my doubts as to whether I would be able to clear the hook. However, as the log here shows, the next twelve stations worked each took a fair sized slice of these messages, so that all traffic was cleared within twenty-six hours after the last one had been received from W3ATC. With several of these stations, schedules were made for different hours of the day in order to route the traffic as fast as it was received.

The following stations have my sincere thanks for their splendid coöperation: W1CNE, W1WU, W1WV, W2CIA, W3AMH, W8BDG, W8CHC, W2CGO, and W8CPE. To W8CHC, the deepest gratitude is extended for his wonderful help in taking from me 105 of these messages in the surprising time of 130 minutes. To fully appreciate this feat, you must realize that the check on these messages was close to 2400 words, with some very difficult combinations in a large number of the addresses.

In my opinion this shows in a measure the attitude of the general amateur toward traffic, and it makes a fellow feel great when everyone says "Sure QSP, MK GA." More power to you all and happy days.

- E. F. Scholz, W1AMQ

#### Saving the Wrist

Iota, La.

Editor, QST:

This may be of interest to many hams, as the scientific wonder I will unfurl before them is a boon never dreamed of in this great amateur game. I have invented a machine for a great many of the amateur fraternity which will be known to them as the "CQ es call blurrer." This machine is the wonder of wonders, and is designed to save certain hams from a "CQ wrist." A "CQ wrist" is one that cannot stop until thirty or forty are made and then the wrist is so tired that it is unable to make the sign, making only a slur.

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#### Re: Traffic CQ's

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Editor, OST:

We read with much interest the letter from Roy R. Wallace, W6ERU, in the September issue.

While W9EBO is not purely a traffic station, we have handled as many as three hundred messages in one month and are always glad to QSP any time to any place.

We too have tried directional CQ's without much luck, so as an outcome of this experience are much in favor of the set of CQ signals as outlined by W6ERU, as we firmly believe that this system would do away with a lot of needless QRM by letting the other fellow know just what is wanted by our CQ.

A practice which we have always used here is to never answer the ham who sends his CQ 15 or 20 times and then signs. There is only one right way to do anything and if any ham cannot send his CQ in the proper way, he is merely admitting to the rest of the gang that his station is poorly operated.

We are with you, W6ERU. Constructive criticism is always welcome — let's hear from more of the gang.

- M. F. Whitton, W9EBO

#### Getting S. F. Transmissions

Dexter, Mich.

Editor, QST:

It is common practice when listening to the Standard Frequency transmissions to tune the receiver to zero beat with the incoming signals and then tune the frequency meter to be calibrated to zero beat with the receiver and the S.F.S. at the same time. While this practice is OK and very accurate, I have a much more convenient method.

If the frequency meter is of the heterodyne type, tune the receiver to the incoming signal in the usual manner, then back just off the point of oscillation and no beat note will be heard. Now tune the meter to beat with the incoming signal and the audio beat note will be heard in the "cans." Tune to zero beat, and you have the meter in step with the transmitting station and don't have to worry about the receiver. After tuning in the signal with the frequency meter it will be found that the tuning on the receiver is rather broad and the beat note of the same audio pitch regardless of receiver adjustment.

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In this way the frequency meter serves not only as a standard of measurement but as a separate heterodyne oscillator.

- R. O. Williams, W8AJC

#### I.A.R.U. News

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in view of the fact that several new stations have been authorized to operate in the band between 200 and 250 meters.

Moreover, complaints of interference with B.C.L. sets from amateur operation will in future be investigated by the Dept. with the assistance of an officer of the W.I.A. This latter concession has been made possible by the fact that the Institute has definitely proved that it is able to effectively control the operations of its members by virtue of their loyalty to the movement.

The 1715- to 2000-ke. band is used mainly for experimental broadcast experiments, and there are more stations operating in Victoria than in any of the other divisions, for some reason or other. In this state there are about 20 stations operating, and some sort of wavelength allocation has become necessary. Stations are allotted wavelengths from the top of the band down, with 20-kc, separation between allocations. The scheme works out very well, but has occasionally been upset by a stray non-member station coming in and heterodyning. No further trouble is ex-



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pected from this source as the Dept. has in the public interest sanctioned our scheme and notified these "outside" stations that they are to observe our allocations. The Fed. Executive therefore has just cause to be proud of the result of the negotiations, and the faith which the Radio Dept.

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EMEMBER the complaints that followed amateur off-frequency operation on GBW's channel last Christmas and Thanksgiving Day? These followed haphazard 14-mc. amateur operation which took place holidays and week-ends. Such complaints can and must be

Already A.R.R.L. is in receipt of complaints of an in-casing number of instances of interference, not only with GBW, 14,44C kc., but with GBS, 6905 kc. also. Just think of it, operation practically 100 kc. out of bounds and such operation on the increase as November advances. We must watch this to avoid sure trouble ahead. Long distance telephone calls from New York to Texas and Oregon ama-teurs and points all over the country are one means used by A. T. & T. to keep the transatlantic radiotelephone channel A. I. to keep the transatiantic radioteephone channel clear. Some individual "hams" have experienced "that most embarrassing moment" when a New York call came through to call them away from the key. But there is bound to be a more grievous moment if it becomes necessary to make examples, placing operator's licenses in jeopardy as the Radio Division singles out incompetents who show their unfitness by off-frequency operation. Take warning! On 14 me, your transmitter may be capable of putting a terrific signal into the sensitive receiving station at Netcong, N. J., at the same time you are unable to pick up GBW due to

Today we have improved frequency meters. There are setly s.f. transmissions from WIXP, W9XAN and W6XK. Good amateurs make use of the information and facilities available, and use frequency meters regularly before going on the air and every time frequency is changed. Approximately one hundred A.R.R.L. Observers are reested to watch the situation closely and to make every effort to remedy conditions that arise by their prompt, friendly notifications to off-frequency stations. Radio Division monitoring stations are also active in each inspection district doing policing work on amateur as well as other

Don't take chances this year. Measure frequency each time the station is placed in operation. The possible conse-quences to individuals caught out of bounds by the government are too great to be easily ignored!

The location of the 7000-7300-kc. band is easily found between XDA at about 7320 kc. and WIZ, 6965 kc.

The government presupposes in issuing licenses that adequate equipment and intelligence will be employed by all services in keeping stations in the prescribed limits. There are reasons" for frequency deviations usually, but no

We got XDA moved. Which reminds us . We'd like to ask Official Observers to check and report all encroaching commercials, b/c harmonics, etc., noted in the amateur bands per their instructions in the R. & R. Kindly log stations two or three days or a week. Give specific frequencies and state the accuracy of measurement, please. Then Headquarters has something to work on in effecting relief through the

#### **Expedition Notes**

Many of the better known expeditions have completed their work for this year. The Bowdoin, WDDE, returned in mid-September. VOQH, the Morrissey, is also back. From time to time we have received reports on various expeditions and at this time we would like to report the following brief sketches of amateur cooperation:

Operator Paul H. Davis, Jr., of W9ADU writes as follows: want to express my most sincere gratitude both to the A.R.R.L. and member-stations for the great assistance and cooperation which was accorded me this summer, in the handling of traffic from the schooner Bowdoin, WDDE. The success of the radio end of the expedition I feel is largely due to the help which you gave me.

The following amateur stations handled most traffic for WDDE, the number of messages handled being indicated, W8DYH (19), G5BY (17), W9DYJ (10), W9BRX (7). In the list of "stations worked" which follows, those handling traffic and assisting the expedition materially in that

dling traffic and assisting the expedition materially in that manner are distinguished by asterisks:

W1AFA\*, W1PH\*, W1PE\*, W1AVJ, W1BDS, W2AVQ\*,
W2AVS\*, W2AOX\*, W2HN\*, W2CCC\*, W2BJO\*,
W2BQR\*, W2BV, W2BKA, W2AKY, W3ASE\*, W3SZ\*,
W3AWS\*, W3BDO, W3AJH, W3LA, W3AOJ, W4ADT\*,
W4AKT, W8BGT\*, W8DYH\*, W8KD\*, W8BUD\*,
W8CFW\*, W8CLG\*, W8DQK, W9BRX\*, W9DYJ\*, W9GFZ, W9DKU, W9ADN, W9ABB, W9EAJ, W9BHM, V0QH\*, VEICO\*, VE2BE, VE4FX, G5BY\*, G6WT\*, F8DOT, F8WHG, NAMS.

W2AVS worked WDDE on the 14-mc. band at 0000

G.M.T., August 24th. He took several messages addressed to the families of the crew. W3RD heard WDDE at W3ATJ at 8 p.m. E.S.T., August 25th. This was also on 14 mc. WDDE was using 14 mc. temporarily in order to be sure of clearing emergency traffic.

W1KH heard WDDE at 6:05 p.m., E.S.T., August 27th. W2BV was Q8O WDDE, August 27th, at 5:30 p.m. E.S.T. WDDE'S QRA at that time was Mokkovik, Labrador. W1BFT regularly heard WDDE on 14 mc.

#### VOOH

WIQB worked VOQH on 14 mc. at 4:30 p.m. E.S.T., August 22nd, and took one message from him. At that time, VOQH was located 50 miles north of Angmagssalik, near Eric the Red Island, at Itivdlersuah, S. E. Greenland, and was bound for Angmagssalik. His signals were QSA3, R5 at W1QB. W2AEY also worked VOQH. W1CTI heard VOQH QSO W2AIS on about 9750 kc. at 2:15 p.m. E.S.T., September 7th. The signals were QSA4 with slight wobble. W2ACD also heard the Morrissey at 2 p.m., September 7th, at that time working W3OZ. W8DME and W8ADM kept 14-mc. schedules with VOQH during part of the trip. W8ADM handled much press and rush traffic. W8AON handled a message from VOQH to W8DME. W2JN took several message from the ship on September 18th. WIAFB heard the Morrissey working WIRP and W2QN on the afternoon of September 21st.

W1QB worked DDOE at 3 p.m. E.S.T. on June 22nd on the 14-mc. band. DDOE is the station of the Dickey; Orinoco Expedition last reported at Caicara, Venezuela. DDOE has a p.d.c. note on 15,000 and 8120 kc. and communication is requested with amateurs on the 14-mc. band.

#### DAIV

DAIV, Count von Luckner's yacht Mopelia, arrived in ew York the last of August. Operator Pascal worked a number of hams during his trip through the West Indies and we hope to have a detailed account of his work for a later issue of QST. Among those stations handling traffic from DAIV were WILZ, W3AWS and WIMK. Operator Parmenter of WIMK is to receive the cup offered by Count Luckner to the amateur radio operator who gave the best service in providing communication with the yacht. This cup is to be presented to "RP" upon the Count's return from a trip to Germany.

Amateurs who heard or worked DAIV, during its two months cruise through the West Indies may QSL to the operator, Jacques Pascal, W2CEV, 85 Sherman Avenue, Staten Island, New York. W2CEV states that a card awaits

all those who QSL.

#### O-2XD

A field radio station was established upon Niufou Island by the Naval Eclipse Expedition headed by Commander Keppler. The call letters are O-2XD and the operators at Corporal Stillwell, U5ADP-NN7NIC-NAZ, and Corporal Pederson, W6BUG-NPP, of the U. S. Marines. O-2XD operates on 2305 kc., and can receive up to 16,000 kc. Amateurs should watch for any opportunity to cooperate with O-2XD. Communication is ordinarily carried on through Samoa, but the Expedition expects to intercept weather, press and other information as far distant as Washington.

#### WFA

The following is quoted from a letter received at Headquarters from Operator Petersen of the Byrd Expedition and will be of interest to all who worked WFA or other Byrd

installations

'I herewith take the opportunity to express my thanks to you and all A.R.R.L. amateurs for their interest in our expedition and I hope in the near future to contact many of the amateurs I used to work from Little America and the expedition ships, as I probably will go on a couple long distance flights soon, and also on another expedition next

We also understand informally from Howard Mason that the many amateurs who worked WFA put over one of the best, if not the best piece of work amateurs have ever done. Messages handled through amateurs totalled nearly five hundred a month sent and received for some of the months WFA. The traffic from Little America, Antarctica handled through amateurs, consisted largely of messages of a personal nature from the expeditioners to their families. Many of the amateur contacts were the most reliable, considering the distance, that have ever been made on high frequency. DX records were made, too, as the distance to Little America was nearly 9000 miles from the U. S. A. Many a 7½-watt station was contacted by WFA. Since the possible available working hours for WFA-WHD were frequently so limited that only press and expedition business could be cleared, WFA endeavored to keep and make as many contacts with amateur stations as possible, as the best (and only) way of clearing the quantities of traffic filed with the operators for transmission.

#### TRAFFIC BRIEFS

For six consecutive months the Los Angeles section has had the highest traffic total in the country. Where are the other sections? Here is how the Los Angeles gang feels about leading so consistently (quoted from the September issue of the Oscillator): "Is there no Section or Division in the entire realm of Hamdom which has enough pep, ham spirit or what-have-you, to give the Los Angeles Section some real competition in traffic totals? We almost own the banner in QST, but we like to work for what we get, and while we still hope to win it, we welcome competition. What is the matter with the eastern half of this country?" Come on, fellows, make it more interesting for those energetic chaps out in L.A.

Among the new YL operators is a young lady down in Jersey," who owns and operates station W2CMK. Miss Genevieve MacKeeby, the YL in question, is only fourteen years old (perhaps our youngest YL op.?). She may be heard using a Type '10 on the 3500-kc. band. To W2CDQ go the thanks for tutoring W2CMK.

While W6ESA was working CE1AH recently, W6ASM phoned to ask that CE1AH be turned over to him after W6ESA had finished. W6ESA told CE1AH to look for W6ASM. After the first call W6ASM's receiver went dead so he again 'phoned W6ESA to ask for help. W6ESA tuned in CE1AH and held the 'phones to the telephone. W6A8M could read CE1AH perfectly via W6ESA and the telephone lines, and a thirty-minute QSO ensued. FB, OMs.

#### BEGINNERS, ATTENTION!

The following additions have been made to the list of Volunteer Stations that send code practise on the 1750 kc. amateur band, which appeared in the November issue.

W2CDQ, Ho-Ho-Kus, N.J., (1720 kc) Daily except Friday, 8:30-9 p.m. E.S.T.

W2GL, Valley Stream, L. I. (1765 kc.) Fridays 10:30 p.m. EST W6BUZ, Reedley, Calif., (1715 kc.) Tues., Thurs., 9 p.m.

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W8BYD, Jamestown, N.Y. (1800 kc.) Mon., Wed. 7:15-7:45 p.m. E.S.T. WSDNT, Rochester, Mich. (1875 kc.) Mon., Wed., Fri.,

are deriving from their efforts.

7:30-8:30 p.m. E.S.T. W9DDV, Chester, Ill. (1730 kc.) Mon., Thurs. 7:30-9 p.m.

W9EPW, Geneseo, Ill. (1820 kc.) Tues., Thurs. 10:45 p.m.

C.S.T. If you receive the transmissions from any of the "volunteer stations," we suggest that you write to them and let them know how they are coming through and what help you

#### W1MK

A.R.R.L. Headquarters' Station W1MK operates on frequencies of 3575 kc. and 7150 kc. Robert B. Parmenter, "RP," is the chief operator; his fist is familiar to most of the amateur fraternity. Occasionally other members of the Headquarters staff operate at W1MK. Their personal signs may be found in the QRA Section of QST

Throughout the following schedules Eastern Standard

Time will be used.

OFFICIAL AND SPECIAL BROADCASTS are sent simultaneously on 3575 kc, and 7150 kc, at the following times: 8:00 p.m.: Sun, Mon., Tues., Thurs., and Fri.

10:00 p.m.: Mon. and Fri.

12:00 p.m. (midnight): Sun., Tues., and Thurs.

GENERAL OPERATION periods have been arranged to allow everyone a chance to communicate with A.R.R.L. Headquarters. These general periods have been arranged so that they usually follow an official broadcast. They are listed under the two headings of 3500 kc. and 7000 kc. to indicate whether the watch is devoted to listening on the 80-meter band or to the 40-meter band.

#### 3500 kc.

8:10 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Sun., Mon., Tues., Thurs., and

10:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. on Tues. and Thurs. (No. OBC sent before these periods.)

12:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. (or later) on Sunday night (Monday morning).

#### 7000 ke.

10:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. on Sun., Mon., and Fri.

12:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. on the following nights (actually on the morning of the day following): Mon., Tues., Thurs., and Fri. (Only on Tues. and Thurs. does the OBC precede

SCHEDULES are kept with the following stations through any of which traffic will travel expediently to A.R.R.I. Headquarters, on 3500 ke.: W1ACH, W1BXB, W1CTI, W1ZB, W2JF, W3AVI, W3BWT, W3CXM, W8CKC, W8CUG, W8DLG, W9OX; on 7000 kc.: W4AGR, W60J and W9ECS.

QSL CARDS for W1MK should be addressed in care of A.R.R.L., 1711 Park Street, Hartford, Conn. A complete log of every transmission is made and W1MK is always glad to send any station worked a card, but frequently cards are lost when sent direct to the station at Brainard Field. WIMK always QSLs upon receipt of card from station worked.

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(SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER)

Pacific led by Los Angeles	10127
Atlantic led by Eastern Pennsylvania	8995
Central led by Michigan	6847
New England led by Eastern Massachusetts	4163
West Gulf led by Oklahoma	2040
Midwest led by Missouri	1670
Hudson led by Eastern New York	1472
Roanoke led by Virginia	1350
Northwestern led by Oregon	794
Dakota led by Southern Minnesota	780
Rocky Mountain led by Colorado	508
Delta led by Louisiana	370
Vanalta led by British Columbia	205
Ontario	203
Southeastern led by Alabama	163
Quebec	131
Prairie led by Saskatchewan	55
676 stations originated 12,166; delivered 6327; 121,380; total 39,873 (52%).	relayed
21,000, 10111 00,010 (01/0).	

Los Angeles came very near defeat this month. Eastern Pennsylvania came through with a total of 5653, close behind Los Angeles' 5974. Watch your step, L. A.

5974. Watch your step, L. A.

A traffic summary showing the standing of
the various divisions for the past month is
printed above. What place does yours take?

#### Official Broadcasting Stations

CHANGES AND ADDITIONS

(Local Standard Time)

W1ATJ (3950 kc.) (cc), Daily, 6:30 p.m.
W1AUR (3980 kc.), Tues., Thurs., Sun., 6:00 p.m.
W1CDX (3950 kc.), Tues., Thurs., Sat., 6:30 p.m.
W2SC (3850 kc.), (cc), Mon., 8:30 p.m.
W4LM (7099 kc.), (cc), Mon., Wed., Fri., 12:30 p.m.
W5TV (3980 kc.), Wed., Thurs., Fri., 8:00 p.m.
W7ALW (7064 kc.), (cc), Tues., 10:00 a.m.
W7ALW (3532 kc.) (cc), Fri., 8:00 p.m.
W7MQ (7080 kc.), Tues., Fri., 1:00 p.m.
W8CLN (3805 kc.), Daily, when possible, 8:00 p.m.

#### Traffic Briefs

W1AFD recently received a communication from Y16KR at Sulaimania, Iraq, who says that most all U. S. signals come in FB there most of the time, but that YI signals fail to come east or west (whichever it is) to this country. YIICD, Y12GM, Y11LM and Y16HT report this same difficulty. This will be of interest to the DX hounds as Iraq has made many U. S. hams members of "WAC."

For several months we have not run the lists of Prehistoric Signals (broad, AC, ICW, etc.). The lists have continued to come in from the gang, but we have been hesitant to publish them as the stations represented in the lists are, under the new Federal Radio Commission rulings, regulation-violators. Constructive complaints made for betterment of amateur radio and as a move to increase enjoyment of our hobby are welcomed by Headquarters and are taken up direct with the operators concerned. This has been the procedure in the case of the "rotten signals" reports received during the past few months. We have been urged by a number of amateurs to again publish the lists in QST. The title "SELF-ISH-CITED SIGNALS" has been suggested as a suitable heading for the lists. Would you like to see a continuance of the old Prehistoric lists under this new title? If a suitable number express the wish that the lists be brought back, we shall again run them in QST. Whether or not they appear in QST, they are always welcomed at HQs and should be forwarded via the SCM.

It will be noticed that with this issue we are resuming the lists of High Quality Signals. All operators are invited to recommend lists of outstandingly good signals consistently leard. Send in your list to-day.

#### BRASS POUNDER'S LEAGUE

Call	Orig.	Del.	Rel.	Total
W3BU	2350	-		2350
W3ATC	1578	19	67	1664
W6AHP	1360	10	70	1440
W3CXL	43	97	990	1130
W6EGH W9DZM	324	17 426	866 102	886 852
WSDYH	42	45	714	801
KAIHR	224	223	346	793
W6QP	112	119	470	701
W5VQ	38	72	526	636
W6AOA	45 72	36	552 484	606 592
W6BIP W5AHI	19	22	458	489
W6YU	12	58	417	487
W3UH	41	36	407	484
W3CXM	41	61	346	448
WIAMQ	6	22 74	417	445
W3BWT W1MK	130	61	232 238	436 422
WIACH	123 335 •		44	401
WSCAT	10	39	317	366
WIWV	30	87	237	354
W8BGX	8	29	273	310
W8CUG	131	14	155	300
W6CNC W8DLG	235	19	53 241	294 262
W6ALX	63	51	128	242
WSDED	50	12	180	242
W3MC	.3	12	222	237
W3ZF W1BXB	43 19	41 53	149 154	233 226
W6EKE	13	16	194	223
W9BMA	22	73	122	217
W6ETJ	41	60	116	217
W9GAR	28	1	186	215
W6YG	97 16	20 22	96	213
W8DMS W7ZD	27	126	172 54	210 207
WIIP	7	9	186	202
W6BIR	7	56	138	201
W9MI	22	51	112	185
W4AA-W4NG	48 48	53 114	76	177
W9COS OMITB	87	76	6	168 163
W9DRG	40	109	8	157
W8QL	30	110	15	155
W6AGR	41	72	32	145
K6CDD	46 44	59 62	26 23	131
W6OJ W2SC	29	52	44	129 125
W2BIV	5	110	8	123
W9GFL	15	54	37	106
W6CWT	22	52	24	98
W6EKC	20	53	14	87
W5BAM W2BC	10	50 55	8 5	68
WZBC	-	00	.0	60

All these stations appearing in the Brass Pounders' League are noted for their consistent schedule-keeping and dependable message-handling work in amateur radio. Special credit should be given to the following stations in the order listed responsible for over one hundred deliveries in the message month: W9DZM. KAIHR, W7ZD, W6QP, W9COS, W8QL, W2BIV, W9DRG.

Deliveries count! A total of 200 or more bona fide messages handled and counted in accordance with A.R.R.L. practice, or just 50 or more deliveries will put you in line for a place in the B.P.L. Why not make more schedules with the reliable stations you hear and take steps to handle the traffic that will qualify you for B.P.L. membership also?

#### AN OFF-FREQUENCY COMPLAINT

The following is quoted from a letter received at HQe recently from Robert Aldrich, W2BTL, President, Flyers Incorporated:

"Being located at the Albany Airport and within a half mile of Airway Radio Station WWAH I have occasion to listen on the 6000-kc. (50-meter) band for Airway traffic relative to weather, etc. This 6000-kc. band is the daylight working frequency of all Airway stations.

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"Several times while copying in this band I have heard some of our noble 'off-frequency' brothers calling CQ, and 'what not.' While, of course, any out-of-band operation is decidedly serious this sort of 'slopping over' seems to me to be nothing but plain suicide. This Airways Radio operation is serious business and, believe me, the United States Government takes it as such. When any amateur can become so sloppy that his frequency starts wandering around in the 6000-kc. band (this is 1000-kc. from the nearest amateur band — ELB) it is time to call a halt."

We are getting mighty far afield, fellows, when we are logged on 6000-kc.!! It must stop at once or serious trouble is ahead. Check up on your frequency before each transmission so that you will know where you stand!

#### High Quality Signals

3500-ke. band: WIAIC, WIAJB\*, WIAJD, WIAKY, W1BD. W1BJD. W1BOD\* WIAMQ\*\* WIAPK, W1ZA, W2AG\*, W1HI, W1KR, W2FB, W2AEP, W2AOS, W2JF, W2PF, W2SC, W2TT\*, W3AAV, W3ACM, W3AJL, W3AQR\*\*\*, W3ARU\*, W3ASW, W3ATN, W3BF\*, W3BQP, W3CGS, W3CJN, W3CXM\*\*\*, W3DH, W3FY, W3GS, W3OZ, W3QV\*\*, W3VM, W4AJL, W4JR, W4LL, W4OC\*, W4PM, W7ACY, W7AHR, W8ADQ, W8ADS\*, W8AGO, W8AIO, W8AJC\*\*, W8AKD\*, W8AYJ\*, W8COJK, W8C WIBU, WIBXB\*, WIBYM, WICGX\*, WIHI, WIKR, WIMK\*\*\*\*\*, WITL\*, WIZA, W2AG\*, W2AEP, W2AGS, W2BFB, W2BRH, W2CWK\*, W2CXL\*\*\*, W2EV, WSBSY, WSCAT\*\*\*\*, WSCBF, WSCEI, WSCBPS\*, WSCJ, WSCJK, WSCLJ, WSCLN\*, WSCME, WSCNO, WSCOW, WSCQQ, WSCR\*\*\*, WSCSB, WSCST, WSCZT, WSDEH, WSDLG, WSDQP, WSDPS, WSDYH\*, WSDYQ, WSDYQ, WSEB\*, WSFE, WSGU, WSHL. WSIS, WSJD\*\*\*, WSRF\*\* WSDEH, WSDLG, WSDQF, WSDEG, WSHL, WSHN, WSDYQ, WSEB\*, WSFE, WSGU, WSHL, WSHN, WSUP\*, WSVQ, WSWJ, WSLS, WSLD\*\*, WSKR\*, WSLH, WSVP\*, WSVQ, WSANG, WSANR, WSAPG\*, WSANR, WSAPG\*, WSANR, WSANR, WSARR, WSA WSUS, WSDS, WSAMC, WSAMC, WSANC, WSAPC\*, WSAQS, WSASM, WSBAN, WSBAZ, WSBHC\*\*, WSKJ, WSBN, WSBNI\*, WSBZO\*, WSCCP, WSCFL, WSCFQ, WSCOG, W9DJR. WOCRV W9CYQ\*\*, W9DBJ\*, W9DE W9DRE, W9DSC\*, W9DTK. W9DEJ. W9DXZ\*\*\* WODLOS W9EHD\*, W9EIA, W9EMR, W9EPO\*, W9EPX, W9EPY, W9EZO, W9FAA, W9FCW, W9FXT, W9FYO, W9GIY\*\*, W9GJX, W9GKL, W9GPC, W9WF, VE9AL

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W8EM, W8ET, W8EY\*, W8FZ, W8HE, W8IM, W8JD, W8LI, W8LT, W8MA, W8NP, W8NV, W8QQ, W8UA, W8UD, W8UF, W8VP, W8YA, W8YB, W9AAG\*, W9AQ, W9ACJ, W9ACU, W9AE, W9AED, W9AEI, W9AFY, W9AIY, W9AY, W9AYP, W9AY, W9BCA, W9BCS, W9BEN, W9BEU, W9BEZ\*, W9BIR, W9BJA, W9BMW, W9BMX, W9BNO, W9BOA, W9BQG, W9BVR, W9BWT\*, W9BYE, W9BZO, W9CBK, W9CUJ, W9CKE, W9CY, W9CKZ\*\*\*\*, W9CLQ, W9CME, W9COS, W9CPS, W9CRV\*, W9CUL, W9CVN\*, W9CWL, W9CWS, W9CWX, W9CZF, W9DBJ, W9DCV, W9DDQ, W9DEF, W9DFY\*, W9DHH, W9DFY\*, W9DCV. W9DDQ. W9DRD. W9DEF, W9DRF. W9DHH. W9DSK\* W9DJH\* W9DSC W9EDT, W9DYZ, W9ECI, W9DXP\*\*\* W9EFR W9EGF\* W9EHD\* W9EHI. W9EHO\* W9EGE-", W9EHD-", W9EHD, W9EH, W9EHG, W9ELK, W9EMN, W9EM, W9FK, W9FK, W9FK, W9GK, W9 W9LF, W9MI, W9NR, W9OB, W9RP, W9N, VE2CA, VE3EO\*, VE3XC, VE5EC, VK2HC, VK3PP\*, VK5HG, VK5IT, VK7DX, K6BBC W9NJ, W9YP VK3BF K6BBC, K4DK K4KD\*, CT2AC, YS1X, EAR1O, SS1AP.

14,000-kc. band: WIAS, WIAZE, WIBJD, WIWE\*, WIWV\*, W2AEY, W2BVD, W2FB, W2FL\*, W2FP\*\*, W2GG, W2JN\*\*, W2MB, W2QF, W3AHP, W3CEE, W4EI, W4FK, W4FQ, W4RC, W4WE, W5AAB, W5AK, W5BEK\*\*, W5QL\*, W5QU, W6BVX, W6CUH, W6DNS, W6EGH\*\*, W6EW BEGH\*\*, W6EW\*, W7EL\*, W7WL, W6DCV\*\*\* W7AOQ, W7BF, W7EK\*, W8ATH, W8AUU\*, W81 W8ABQ. W7AOQ, W7BF, W7EA\*, W7EL\*, W7WL, W8ABQ, W8ATH, W8AUU\*, W8BNT, W8CMI, W8CPC\*, W8CRA\*, W8PL, W8TZ, W8WO, W9ABU, W9AFN\*, W9AJA, W9ASL, W9ATH\*, W9AZE, W9BDW, W9BF, W9CK, W9CNS, W9DDQ, W9DGH, W9EH, W9EHD, W9ENF, W9EQG, W9ERZ\*, W9EXW, W8DDY, W8DEY, W8ELY, W8EL WSATH. W9FEC, W9FPN, W9FRQ\*, W9SJ, VEIAL, VEIAP, VEIAP, VEIAP, VEIAP, VEIAP, VEIAP, VEIAP, VEAC, VE2CA, VE4CAI\*\*, VE4FY, VE5AW, FM8CR, CT2AC, PYIAH\*\*\*, PYIAW\*, CEIAH\*\*\*, CE3BF, D4DDM, G5BJ\*, G5BY\*, G5HP, G5IS, G5ML, G6LL, G6WT, G6XB\*, ZL2AC, YSIAP, FQ8HPG, PW2IH, VEIAL, XFMLY.

#### GOOD 'PHONES

3500-kc. band: WIABY, W3AEX, W8AJH\*, W8RD, W8WF, W9AFN, W9BJW, W9BPQ\*, W9BWI, W9DAQ\*\*, W9HD, W9FFR, W9FLZ, W9MM.
14,000-kc. band: WIBJD, W2GJ, W5QL\*\*\*\*, W6KT,

W8DLD, W9ANZ, W9BRD, W9QY.

#### WELL-OPERATED STATIONS

W1A... W2ALU, W2D... W3ATJ, W1ANA, W1BYM, W1MK\*\*\*, W1WV, W1Z8, W2AG, W1BA. W2CC W2BME, W2CC W3CEE, W2ALU, W2BME, W2CC, W2CXL, W2FF, W2FP, W2ZC, W3ATI, W3CEE, W3CXL, W3EE, W3G, W3LA, W3NF, W3ZB, W4AHZ, W4EC, W5AHI, W5BHV, W6AD\*, W6AD\*, W6AD\*, W6AM\*, W6BP, W6ERK, W6AKI, W6EIB, W6ERK, W6AKI, W6EIB, W6ERK, W6AKI, W6EIB, W6ERK, W6AKI, W6AKI, W6EIB, W6ERK, W6AKI, W6EIB, W6ERK, W6AKI, W6AKI, W6GI, W6HM, W6KD, W7AAT, W7ACY, W7LP, W7MP, W6GI, W6HM, W6KD, W7AAT, W7ACY, W7LP, W7MP, W8ABV, W8ABV, W8AHC, W8AJC\*, W8APQ, W8ARO, W8AUT, W8BAU, W8BKM, W8BRS, W8BYD, W8CAT, W8CCS, W8CEO\*, W8CNZ, W8COW, W8CPC, W8CR, W8CUK, W8DGR, W8DHT\*, W8DII, W8DLG, W8DPI, W8DW, W3DYH\*\*\*, W8DYZ, W8ID\*\*, W8PL, W8YA\*, W9ACU, W9AFN\*, W9ALU, W9AYU, W9BAZ, W9BJA, W9BJO, W9CKQ, W9CKZ, W9CRV, W9CUA, W9CYQ\*\*, W9DOX, W9DDX, W9DDX, W9DDX W9DOX, W9DQN, W9DSC, W9DXZ<sup>50</sup>, W9EDW, W9EHD, W9GIY, W9OX, CE1AH, PY1AH\*, VE2CA, W9EDW. VE3EO, YS1AP.

Note. - The stars indicate the number of extra time stations were reported.

#### DIVISIONAL REPORTS

#### ATLANTIC DIVISION

ASTERN PENNSYLVANIA - SCM, Don Lusk, W3ZF — I want to congratulate and than a section on the mighty fine totals turned in this month. Particularly I want to express my gratitude and appreciation to the Frankford Radio Association. They certainly are a lively bunch, and it is beginning to look as though this club is the one lost link in our section's traffic totals. Through

the efforts of several of its members, W3LC, W3AOJ, W3AHZ, W3AKB and W3AVI, amateur radio was well represented to the public at the American Legion Air Races held September 6th and 7th in Philadelphia. Their work was very much appreciated by the American Legion officials, and the operators were invited to a banquet by the Mayor of Philadelphia. They also received an enthusiastic letter of thanks and commendation from the Naval Reserve. We d

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have also to the credit of the club the amateur radio station at the Philadelphia Electric and Radio Show, a grand total of two thousand three hundred and fifty messages being collected at this exhibition. The xmtr used at the show was a neat 50-watt xtl-controlled affair belonging to W3AOJ. W8EU has a new station using the "coupled heart" circuit. He tied the knot last February and didn't tell anyone until He tied the another her between the report. Well, OM and OW, we congratulate you and wish you every success. Miss W3AKB has certainly spent most of her evenings to good advantage helping and pounding brass at the radio show. FB, Fran. Jim Roberts, W3UH, has a new 852 perking on 3500 kc. Look at his total for this month. Excellent, OM. And look at the fine totals of W3MC and W3UX. Lightning hit W3UX with result that 210s, 281s, 222s and what have you were scattered all over his shack! Our old RM comes back to life with a nice total. He is looking for you fellows that want help with skeds, etc. W3DZ has done a good job with his Naval Reserve work. WSVD is helping out the Army net work. WSDHT reports the Electric City Radio Club of Scranton has reorganized and now has 25 members. Fine big, OM. W3GS had one day on the air and handled all his tfc in that time. W8CWO is still pounding away, and sends in a long list of Prehistoric and Inconsiderate signals. How about accepting an 00 appointment, OM? W3AQQ is having trouble trying to operate his station with school and wot not taking up his time. W3EV is using a bk in system and is hunting for tfc hounds. By the time this is being read by you, new ORS certificates will be mailed, and all that I can ask is to keep the ball rolling like you have this month and we will give them all a chase. W3ZF changed back to his old job again, and is now on the air regularly on Monday and Thursday evenings looking for ORS men in this section on 3500 kc. How many would like a sked with the SCM after 10:30 p.m.? Traffic: W3BU 2350, W3UH 484, W3MC 237, W3ZF 233,

W3UX 164, W3NF 132, W3AKB 108, W3AQQ 94, W3DZ 85, W8CWO 24, W8VD 21, W3GS 18, W8DHT 17, W8EU

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MARYLAND-DELAWARE-DISTRICT OF COLUM-BIA - SCM, Forrest Calhoun, W3BBW - Many thanks for the splendid reports this month. I feel sure if we keep up this kind of work we can soon reach the top. No doubt you all know about the new ORS system so if you want to hold yours keep sending in your regular reports. If you don't; well, you won't have any certificate. See November QST for all the dope. Maryland: A nice bunch of the fellows reported this month but still not 100%. W3AFF visited the SCM and most of the DC stations, but returned home in time to handle a few. W3AOO changed his Xmitter to a hi C TPTG and reduced his plate voltage. W3LA sez super audio is hot. W3ZK put in a new 852. W3BBW is back on every a.m. from 1:30 until? W3PQ is complaining of a certain ham taking up most of his dial. W3NY can't get tfc anywhere Delaware: This state is trying hard to compete, but it still seems that a few are doing the work of many. You Delaware fellows should help out. W3AIW reported a nice bunch. W3ALQ lost his job. Too bad, OM. W3AJH sez "nil" as usual. District of Columbia: Now for the big parade. Our new ORS, W3CXL, is sure pounding them out and takes the lead from W3BWT, who still maintains his high rating. W3GT came back this month with a big total. Welcome, OM. W3PM has a new MOPA and it is FB. W3CDQ sent in a fine report. W3ARB, ExW8AOB, is working at Bustan, and will be on soon and looking for skeds. W3AFU still needs Asia to make his WAC. W3IL is an old-timer and will be going soon. W3AWA, W3BAT, W3BAS and W3DDR are all new in DC. Let's hear from you, OMs. W3CAB had quite a few visitors; among them were the daughter of the President of San Salvador, Mrs. Julio Mejia, and her husband, whose brother operates YSIFH and was fortunate enough to contact W3BWT while they were in Washington. W6HM also visited W3CAB, as did W3AFF, and W3LU who hitch hiked to the West Coast and back. W3OZ worked the coast (West) on 3500 kc. W3AI is trying to get his CC to have a razor edge. W3AKR is breaking in a new YL op.

Traffie: W3CXL 1130, W3BWT 436, W3GT 64, W3AFF 49, W3AIW 27, W3AOO 20, W3PM 19, W3LA 18, W3ZK 14, W3BBW 11, W3CDQ 11, W3CAB 10, W3PQ 5, W3ALQ

WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA - SCM, Robert Lloyd. WSCFR — WSCUG leads the section this month. He has resumed his old winter schedules and says traffic is plentiful.
WSDLG runs a close second. He handled Philadelphia Radio Show traffic. WSGU reports schedules and OO work.

WSCMP, our traffic-handling Director, is making his fall schedules. W8AVY is busy with the affairs of the Amateur Transmitters' Association. W8DUT gets on as often as possible. W8CEO is going to work on 14 me. W8AJE is in the Air Reserve Corps. He says W8ARC and W8CPE are active in his locality. W8YA is experiencing some trouble with the Radio Commission. W8ASE still pursues his MOPA with hopes of making it perfect. W8BNU lost a week of operating while in the hospital. Glad you are well again, OB. W8AAQ reports good work with low power. W8AYH had a two-hour QSO with RX1AA. W8APQ is busy with the Army Net. W8BXG has a new power supply. W8DYL is on 3.5 mc. with a new transmitter. The Amateur Transmitters' Association of Western Penna. elected its new officers at the last meeting. Hunter Lohman, WSOC, was made president, R. R. Richeimer, W8BSO, secretary, and A. Mag, W8OW, treasurer. The club looks forward to a very active year. W8CFR is working on 7 mc. He and W8CUG attended the Erie Amateur Radio Club's Third Annual Banquet. W8KD is keeping schedules. W8DIL has a transmitter at the University of Pennsylvania under the call W3EB. He works on 3.5, 7 and 14 mc. and wants to QSO

wash. He works on 3.3, 7 and 14 me. and wants to QSO some of his old friends, who know him as WSDIL.

Traffic: WSCUG 300, WSDLG 262, WSCFR 21, WSGU
17, WSCMP 9, WSAVY 7, WSDUT 7, WSBNU 84, WSAPQ
69, WSAAQ 51, WSAYH 17, WSKD 16.

WESTERN NEW YORK—SCM, John R. Blum,

W8CKC - Using a 210A in his transmitter, W8QL, the big boy from over the hills, makes the B.P.L. this month - fine business, Mark. Big birthday party at WSDEZ and WSCBE. W8DHM is on with a nice crystal job. W8IH is rebuilding WsBAG is off the air. WsBTY and WsPU are new comers. WSCOO and WSUT attended a ham fest at Syracuse. WSWC passed his commercial second. New officers in the Syracuse Club: President, W8AST; Secretary and Treasurer, W8BYO: W8BYD-W8DSA and W8AAZ are new O.R.S. W8AWM is off the air for a while. W8DLU is a new U.S.N.R. station, W8OA is chief op, W8DME is busy with U.S.N.R. traffic, W8CIL is experimenting with tuned receiving antennae. W8CKC has an 860 and a sked with WIMK, WSBIF is too busy with school to be on the air. WSCMN is on with a new push-pull outfit. WSNW works 7000 mostly. W8CSW has been off the air with sickness, but has fully recovered and is with us again. W8DII keeps busy with skeds. W8DSP has skeds with W1UE and W8QL—no wonder he runs up such a total. W8AKC is on 14 megs. most the time. WSBHK is pessimistic about radio weather. W8BUP has western skeds. W8BJO will take southern traffic. W8ON also had a birthday party, one year. W8AFM is building a nice new dynatron oscillator. W8CHG has his new voltage feed hertz working perfect and we don't mean anything else. W8CLB is active on 7 me. W8CEZ is on with fone. Rochester has a new radio club - good luck, fellows. WSQB has gone back to the old M.G. again. WSCJO is looking for 7-mc. sked. WSDSS has some new schedules. WSDRJ is working DX. WSAAC works VK. WSIV is a new call in this district. WSCRF reports a gud hamfest up in Schenectady. WSCNX is too busy for traffic work. WSAAZ has had a sked with W9OT for four years. W8ABQ is building a new receiver. The F.L.T.S. held their annual banquet October 25, WSBDV handled the business end and sure had one fine party. Good speeches, good eats and good fellows were in abundance. We hope they have another next year. The traffic total is the best we have had in some time. 100 per cent increase in number of stations reporting and traffic handled.

Traffic: W8QL 155, W8DSP 57, W8BJO 53, W8DSA 34, Traine: WSQL 155, WSDSF 57, WSBJO 53, WSDSA 34, WSBHS 425, WSTZ 25, WSCKC 16, WSDII 10, WSBFG 6, WSAFM 4, WSBUP 6, WSCHG 3, WSCEZ 3, WSQB 2, WSBIF 1, WSAYU 5, WSCIL 3, WSADG 5, WSAJ 42, WSCPC 43, WSAAZ 37, WSCRF 56, WSAAC 3. SOUTHERN NEW JERSEY — SCM, Bayard Allen, W3ATJ — Good weather is with us again. Our Route Man-

ager, W3SM, had his portable smitter, W3ATC, going at the Radio Show and handled 1664 messages there. FB, Bob! W3BUF handled a few and is building a new MOPA Phone outfit. W3BDO is rebuilding. W3AWH is a frosh at Yale. W3EM is experimenting with antennae trying to see why his sigs don't cross the Delaware. Hi. W3BAQ constructed a very successful A.C. receiver and is occupying our 7000-ke. QRM band, W3AWV is using a type '01A in a TNT circuit and is kicking out FB on 7000 ke. W3AWL is on again with a new receiver and Xmitter. W3OH is stepping out FB on 14,000 kc. W3FQ is heard frequently working

nice DX. W3KX has a nice 14,000-kc. phone going. W8DJV is now W3RD when QRMfm R.C.A. Victorallows him to be on. W3ANR and W3BEU, ops at WCAM, are constructing three xmitters for operation on 3.5, 7 and 14 mc. W3ATJ is starting a sked with VS7AP in Ceylon, W3BAN has a new xmitter and only needs some juice in his home to get going.

Traffie: W3BAQ 8, W3BUF 29, W3ATJ 14, W3AWV 15, W3EM 2.

#### CENTRAL DIVISION

ENTUCKY - SCM, J. B. Wathen, III, W9BAZ -With the good radio season coming on, reports should improve each month. The Louisville gang installed a complete station at the local radio show, taking over 500 messages. W9EYW, club president, desires to thank every one for his cooperation. Route Mgr., W9AZY, reports that few requests are received for skeds. Make use of his services; he will get what you want. W9OX builds fine receivers (Adv. not paid for). W9JL took a drop, but still has a good total. W9ARU likes radio shows—gets traffic then. W9ALR is getting out very well on low power. W9CNE breaks into print. W9GGB advises that W9GIJ is trying to xmtr installed at Centre College. Wish you luck. W9ZZE returns to Kaintucky with a string of skeds. W9AIN is now working on 7 kc., but will be on 3.5 kc. soon, W9FZV is operating the Louisville Police broadcast station. W9GAL has gone to Panama as operator on a United Fruit ship. W9BAZ visited Danville and Bowling Green. W9CIS is working regularly in A-A net, W9GJE wants 7-kc, skeds before noon. W9FQN has new plate transformer; blew his W9CDA turns in a better report than several other one. ORS. May be some replacements. W9BWJ takes time off from drilling wells to drop us a line. W9ACS has changed jobs, and has more time to pound brass. W9EQO checks in with a good total. W9BAN buys BC receivers for a dollar. Quite a few other Kentucky stations are heard regularly, but never report. Please do.

Traffic: W9AZY 104, W9OX 103, W9ADT 101, W9BAZ 96, W9ARU 49, W9JL 46, W9FKM 40, W9EQO 23, W9FQN 18, W9AIR 17, W9CNE 15, W9EYW 15, W9CDA

 W<sup>9</sup>GGB 6, W<sup>9</sup>AIN 3, W<sup>9</sup>ZZE 3, W<sup>9</sup>BWJ 1, W<sup>9</sup>FZV 1.
 MICHIGAN — SCM, K. F. Conroy, W<sup>8</sup>SDYH — Well, boys and gals, here's the low-low on the up-ups: WSDED makes the BPL, and wonders if Michigan can make the 3000 mark. Why not? WSRP (exWSBJT) enjoys traffic and asks for more and more. W8MV used a 210 instead of a 204a this month, with fair results. W8PP enrolled at MSC again. WSAJC is going to show us how to handle tfc again, via the Army net. WSDOV is in the market for a highpower transmitter, if the price is fifty cents! W8DDO rectifies his 550 with 112as! W8WG is QRL school, but handles some. WSACW QSY'd to 1149 Drexel A., Detroit. W9EQV radioed his last report, and some HAM let it die - that's a dirty trick. W8PQ has worn out two alarm-clocks trying to VK! Get out the brass band, W8BRO is coming back! WSCU ses he had a flat tire on the way home from the Club. He doesn't say whether she pounds brass or not. W8BJ celebrates another year — it isn't the years, it's these celebrations that age a fellow! Hi, Good news: W8TJ is moving to Detroit. WSCJ sez too many mags in Spanish give your bug that Spanish drawl. WSAE has a power-leak near his QRA. WSBRS and WSOV please note. W9CE proves: "It was just the wx." WSCLN, our new OBS, is CC 3814 kc. Please QSL. Here's an example of the ole spirit: W8DMS, who pounds Morse all day, makes the BPL just to put Michigan where we belong. Thanks, Steve. WSJD is building a station at the National Guard Armory. W8FX should try directional antenna - north. W8CKZ is getting set. WSDFE is thinking of cusstal - sorry to lose you, OMs. WSCEP is QRL so requests a temporary cancellation. WSCAT says doublet receiving antenna is FB. WSBMG is a new tfc handler at Kalamazoo. W8JX is at 1391 Lake pointe, Grosse Point. WSCJK says two Cleveland stations turned down traffic for there, so he had to mail seven - at least some one has the ole spirit. FB, Mac. W8AJL says, "Blow some my way." W9EGF, W8ASO and W8ACB are rebuilding. W8WO claims the children take up all his time. W8DWM is pounding 'em out on 7 mc. Miss W8JH is now a "collitch" student. WSBRS is spending lots of time on his bug-buzzer outfit now!?! WSDJQ cuses WSGZ and his relatives — single-wire feed. WSGP works 'em with the antenna off, MIM, WSBTK is back on 3.5 mc. WSDYH boasts a new 210. WSAKN blew his 210. The ops at WSSL (WYE) are going traffic again. At VE3EC ham (?) feat,

WSCYX carried off the prize for the most stimulating tale

Nize guy, this CYX. WSDEN (the great) has taken up the neighbors will present DEN with a saxophone, soon. W8CEV traveled east and went west. Congratulations, OM. Miss W9GJX says her "Rogue's Gallery" collection is increasing rapidly. W9HK has the U. P. stations hooked in a tfc net. FB. W8DEH uses the "Trinitroluol" circuit. MIM. WSDZ's sister wants to learn code — I know a darned good teacher! W9AXE is rarin' to go. W8AUT is QYL. W8CVU spends most his time on 3.5 me. W8BBX Q8Oed all districts 8 watts input. He says WSBRT has a code class at home. Keep a sked while resting your supper (Dinnah) and we'll be all set.

WSDYH 801, WSCAT 366, WSDED 242. Traffic: W8DMS 210, W8DEH 125, W8DFE 105, W9GJX 109, W8BJ 76, W9HK 76, W8BBX 70, W8SL 53, W8RP 52, WSDJ 76, WSSD 36, WSRF 32, WSRF 32, WSRF 32, WSRF 32, WSEQU 49, WSPQ 44, WSBMG 43, W9CE 43, WSCVU 38, WSMV 38, WSOV 36, WSBWJ 33, W9AXE 32, WSDDO 29, WSCLN 28, WSBTK 22, WSDDQ 22, WSCL 19, WSAJC 18, WSCJK 14, WSDWM 12, WSGP 11, WSWO 16, WSWG 8, WSFX 7, WSAJL 6, WSAUT 6, WSTJ 6, WSAKN W8ACW 5, W8DOV 5, W8PP 5, W8AE 3, W8BRS 3,

WSCKZ 3, WSJD 3, W9EGF 1.
ILLINOIS—SCM, F. J. Hinds, W9APY—Things look a bit better this month, but we need more traffic stations. Get your friends to report. W9DGZ has a schedule with NN1NIC for traffic. W9MI is doing fine work with his schedules and traffic. There is a new 3.5 antenna system in use at W9FCW which is set in concrete and is 25 feet high. A new TGTP is in use at W9AFB, W9BVP has come out of the hospital — we all hope you are OK now, OM. W9CKZ is rebuilding with a 3.5-me. crystal, W9DZM receives special mention for his big totals, as usual. Most of the traffic was Army, so if the rest of you boys want big totals, get in on the Army or Navy Nets. Our old re-liable, W9DXZ, is rebuilding the outfit and will soon be on banging away with messages. W9FI has a new Xtal set going. The Mercury Arc is giving DC results with a good filter at W9BRX. W9BIR reports QSC terrific and schedules gone haywire due to bad WX. W9ACU is installing a dynamotor to replace the B Batteries. W9EMN says bad weather has made it hard to keep schedules. W9GJJ is rebuilding the phone set and will be on 7000 kc. also. W9AMO has a nice crystal on 3755 kc. A TGTP has replaced the old reliable Hartley at W9GIV. W9ENH is to be found on 7 and 3.5 me. for traffic. W9ERU reports direct to Hqs. W9FO reports the Chicago Radio Traffic Association meets in the U.S.N.R. Armory at the foot of Randolph Street on the first and third Thursdays of every month. W9DWB has built his new station at North Central College -- Naperville, Ill., under the call of W9CUX. W9CCZ is building a Screen Grid receiver. The new set at W9CNY is a crystal and is getting out in fine shape. W9DKF has had 1200 in last six months and reports traffic picking up. W9ANQ is on strongly on week ends. W9DBB (Ex 6) reports traffic and traffic stations scarce here in the middle of the country. Let's get going, fellows, and help a real traffic man. The tube at W9FZW went bad, but the station is on again. Hi. W9CF is on with a 210. The Egyptian Radio Club has a new Club House and is now affiliated with A.R.R.L. W9BDW is on both 7 and 14 mes. W9FTX is doing nice traffic work. W9FGD has QSO'd 600 stations with the same old 201-A on 7 and 3.5 mc. W9BZO swears by his new AC National receiver. W9QI has a new Silver-Marshall receiver going nicely. A new Push-Pull TPTG is working at W9FUL. W9BEO is rebuilding an AC transmitter. Hi. W9AVE is building his outfit to fit into the dining room. 3.5 mc. is going well at W9CYB, W9DAX has his set completed now and will soon be on. W9CKM and W9EII figure they can build one good station instead of two, so there will be a fine signal from northwestern Illinois shortly.

Traffie: W9DZM 852, W9BIR 201, W9MI 185, W9AMO 135, W9ACU 74, W9DBB 63, W9BZO 54, W9DKF 54, W9FCW 54, W9QI 38, W9EIP 37, W9CBK 30, W9CSB 29, W9DGZ 26, W9ERU 24, W9BRX 23, W9CUH 23, 23, W3DGZ 25, W3ERC 24, W3BRA 25, W3CCR 25, W9FCB 22, W9DZU 19, W9FUL 18, W9AFN 17, W9AFY 16, W9GIV 15, W9CNH 10, W3BDW 9, W9FTX 7, W9BBI 6, W9EMN 6, W9FI 6, W9BBR 5, W9DOX 5, W9FZW 5, W9ANQ 4, W9FPN 2, W9GJJ 2, W9FAG I,

W9FZW 1, W9GFY 1. OHIO — SCM, Harry Tummonds, "EVERY ORS GET AN ORS"; check over your Nov. QST, gang, for the dope on new ORS Certificates, and write me. Another month with reports in fine shape and the OHIO total is going up. WSBGX leads in traffic and makes the

BPL. WSBAC has had trouble with his new antenna, and also reports will be on fone soon. W8TK has some FB skeds, and reports that traffic and conditions are getting better. W8CRI, genl. RM, wants the gang to write him about skeds. WSAPC has some good skeds lined up for next report. WSBDU was up in Cleveland to take a Commercial exam. W8NP has some FB skeds. Nearly all the gang are now reporting skeds. If you are not lined up yet, write your RM. W8DU reports burned out filter and rec. tubes. W8BZL is rebuilding and reports that the Buckeye A.W. Radio Assn. is going full speed now. WSCX boosted his total to 13 this ss going this speed now. Week boosed his order to 15 winnorth. WSDDQ, the Norwalk Amateur Radio Club, reports that the club is going in fine shape. Their regular QRH is 7000 ke. W8CFT is on 7 and 14 mc. now, with a new 250 W. Xtal job, and is ready for skeds. W8CK says that it was a busy month down on the farm. W8CWA, Cleveland Wireless Assn. station, reports 9 mags. Slump in traffic reports is due to getting men ready for R. I. this month. W8DIH holds daily sked with W8APC on 3750 ke. W8ADS is getting ready for 14,000 DX and receiver is working FB W8EJ is out of operation just now, but will soon resume sked with W8EB. W8LI handled traffic from Los Angeles Radio Show. WSDPF has shined up the old set to go after new records this winter. W8RN reports still on the lake puddling along on KFNA, but will be home on the job in Bedford soon. W8OQ reports that he is all set to turn in ne good work next month, WSIF is in Toledo now, and will be inactive for a while. In the meantime he is visiting W8BTM, W8CNO is now on 7022-3710 kc. W8AQ will be lost to OHIO Section for awhile, and is now with the Seiberling Rubber Co. in Toronto, Can. Windy, W8GZ, is on 3750-7200 kc. He wants Skeds in Cleveland. W8BBH is still rebuilding. W8DBK reports the U. of D. taking most of his time. WSCIY hopes resume his skeds soon. WSARW reports 8 this month without any skeds. WSBAX is now on new 50W Xtal job. W8BYG has applied for ORS. WSATV is having trouble with power supply. He reports a new ham in Lima, WSBGU. WSCSS has been rebuilding. WSCNM handled the unlucky number, 13. WSEQ had a great time in a recent electrical storm, which ruined parts of his trans. W8BEA has just been appointed an ORS. W8AKA, his trans. WebEA has just been appointed an OAS. WeARA, the Cleveland Amateur Radio Assn., reports the station shut down for two weeks to refinish the operating room. The club inspected W8APY's new 500-watt 14-mc. fone, and had a great time at Euclid Beach. W8BGX wants skeds with Cleveland, Columbus, Cincinnati and Pittsburgh and keeps one with W8DYH. Well, gang, the total is going up in fine shape and reports are coming in well. Now let me remind you again to check over Nov. QST regarding new ORS. "Every ORS Get and ORS."

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W9BKJ SCM, George W. Graue, Many of the ORS in this section are still reporting inactivity, and it is hoped that all will have their rebuilding done soon. To make this column grow reports will be necessary other than from ORS stations, so send in that information, OMs. The Ft. Wayne Radio Club has elected R. L. Hupp, W9CLF, as President, succeeding E. W. Springer, W9BWI who resigned because business keeps him from attending club meetings regularly. W9DHJ is putting in remote control for the coming winter. Ex9UL, an old spark ham, is coming back into the game. Welcome, OM. W9DBJ will be on the air again after an absence of several months. W9FYB has a new antenna for 3500-kc. operation, but reports it as NG. W9GJS has two transmitters under construction; one for 14 mc. and the other for 7 mc. W9BHM changed his QRA, and will be going again in a few weeks. W9AAI has a new device for recording Amateur Fone reception. W9BWI has a machine shop in his basement, and solicits ham work. WeCKG has QRM from college. WeCVX is proudly displaying his recently acquired yellow ticket. W9DWL reports a new push-pull receiver that's a Whizz. W9GFA is nck with WOWO. W9CLF has a pair of 866s working FB. W9AOO is having trouble with the new Band Box Super. W9CKY leads this month with his traffic total. W9FO is QRL with school work, W9BKJ is in bad need of a cuspidor

since the old chem. rect. has been junked.

Traffie: W9CKY 36, W9FCX 31, W9AKJ 25, W9DHJ
17, W9CKG 9, W9AIP 6, W9DSC 6, W9GJS 6, W9BKJ 9, W9ETH 17, W9CVX 10, W9AET 8.

WISCONSIN - SCM, C. N. Crapo, W9VD - W9GFL is our only BPL station this month. He is using separate transmitters for 3500- and 7000-ke. bands, and wants an appointment as Route Manager. W9DTK is using two crystals, 3715 and 3750 ke., and shifts his frequency by simply changing crystals. W9EBO reported direct to Hartford. W9CDT has a new AC short week. ford. W9OT has a new A.C. short-wave super nearly fin-ished. W9FAW will have a new 50-watt transmitter going soon. W9BIB hasn't much time to get on the air, but says he is glad he still has the job - hi. W9YF will be off the air after Nov. 1st as their license expires. W9VD has a new 14-mc. 34 wave Zepp antenna up which throws out a mean signal. Traffic: W9GFL 106, W9DTK 29, W9OT 5, W9FAW 2, W9VD 9, W9EBO 58.

#### DAKOTA DIVISION

ORTHERN MINNESOTA - SCM. C. L. Jabs. W9BVH - From all indications this coming season will show more activities than ever before. Reports are increasing every month, and here is hoping the splendid cooperation continues. W9EHI says DX is fair and activity good in Duluth. W9GGQ has trouble with his rectifier, but is installing a new one and is hot after traffic. W9DOE re-ports traffic and snow. W9CTW has his ¼ KW going and has resumed his schedules. FB. He also wants the schedules of other stations in the section reported to him. W9EGU is lining up schedules and reports good luck on his pheasants. W9DOQ is active in Duluth after spending the summer in Eveleth. W9EHI, the President of the A.R.A., active with the coming of cold weather. W9BCT still ops at WRHM. W9EHO attended a ham fest at St. James, W9EAT being the host, and reports a fine time. 9GKM has a new filter and antenna, so is ready for any traffic that cums his way. W9FFL works on 14 mc. with a 201A. The Junior College station, W9YK, will be on 14-mc. fone soon. W9FAQ orked X9A with his 201A. The SCM hopes to be on regularly after the new puddle jumper is limbered up. Please read the dope on new ORS in November QST and send your applications and old ORS in for renewal at once. W9GKO sends in a nice report on activities in Duluth and A.R.A., and is collecting a power supply for his Xtal rig. This probably will be the present XCM's final report, and at this time the next SCM is unknown, so send your reports to me in case you have no new SCM's address by the next reporting date. It has been a pleasure to carry on these duties for the section and A.R.R.L., and here is hoping you will all put your shoulders to the wheel and give your whole-hearted support to the new SCM. Vy 73, and see you on the air often.

Traffic: W9EH1 15, W9BVH 13, W9GGQ 11, W9ARE 11, W9CTW 7, W9EGU 3, W9DOQ 2.

SOUTH DAKOTA — SCM, H. T. Cashman, W9DNS W9DB reports Army Net growing. W9DKL came in with a nice wad of traffic, and reports increase in power. Atta boy! W9ALO puts out a nice sig. and wants to play with some one on 56 mc. W9CFU is another new reporter who's getting lined up nicely. Send some flowers to W9DGR, OM! W9DRG blames the pheasants, but says he'll be along any minute now. W9DIY tried to heat the shack with his grid leak, and isn't on any more. Reports were better this month. Thanks, Oms, but from the noise in my cans there ought to be a few more!

Traffie: W9DB 9, W9DKL 20, W9CFU 6, W9DNS 3 NORTH DAKOTA - SCM, Guy L. Ottinger, W9BVF There is more activity in the state now, but not nearly as much as we should have. Is there any one in the state who can qualify for the job of Official Observer? If so, please write the SCM. W9DGS tells us he will be on the air more now that the World Series is over. We hear from a non-ORS this time, W9AZV, who turns in a good traffic total. Our ORS at Fargo, W9DOY, has an 865 now, and expects to be going soon. He also joined the A.R.R.S. W9DYA has the outfit perking now, but finds it hard to get time to operate. W9DM is a member of the A.R.R.S. now. The SCM keeps A.R.R.S. skeds and handles a little traffic as a result.

Traffic: W9BVF 120, W9DGS 30, W9ALV 20. SOUTHERN MINNESOTA — SCM, J. C. Pehoushek, W9EFK — W9COS lends the Section with his TWELFTH CONSECUTIVE BPL report. A solid year in the BPL is something for any strictly "one-man" station to shoot at. He has handled 6005 messages in that time. Can anyone beat it? X29A visited W9COS while in the states. W9DRG is leaving the game, having sold out. W9BNN is a new ORS. W9BNN has a number of new men in the game at Heron Lake. W9EY is gg to be on soon, as will W9GBZ at Lakefield. W9CKU is getting out FB. W9AJU is nw attending the U. of Minn.

and keeping in touch with home by virtue of a sked with W9BN is almost all set for another big traffic season, W9EAT held a hamfest at St. James last week, with about ten in attendance. W9AQH handled more than his share of traffic this month, despite heavy business QRM. W9AIR has been hamming as usual, and has an able assistant in W9EAT. Herman reports a new ham at Round Lake. W9BKX is putting another 852 in. W9EJR is hunting tt mythical "best" receiver. W9FAD and W9FAJ, brothers, at Jackson are coming along fine. W9FMB is having his troubles, but gradually overcoming 'em. W9EYL has a new pair of 281s. W9EFK is attending nite school. W9GHO has a new sax and is learning to CQ on tt. Hi. W9FRI is op'g once in a while. W9FLE is keeping a few skeds, but complains of a scarcity of traffic. W9DGE is going to be back at his old QRA on Sheridan Ave. by the time this is in print. W9AAN of Hewitt, Minn., was in town as was W6BJX, of P I traffic fame, and his wife, W6ALM. They both wish the Dakota Division 73 and expressed their regret at not being able to meet more of its members. W6IL, exW9IL, was QSO W9BVH, and he also sent his 73. W9ELA-W9BTW are getting out quite nicely. W9D8H is on full swing and wants traffic skeds. The Sixth District will remember him as W6AWR, W9DHP, W9CIX, W9DOP, W9AMK, W9AJU, W9AOK, W5RR, W9ELA, W9BTW, and ex9ELJ are all attending the U. W9EAH is working for General Mills. W9DH, W9BYA, are still chasing BCL QRM for the Northern States, W9CCX, W9FLG-VE4BT and Ken Pepper from WPL are nw with the Mpls Police station. W9YC seems to have a scarcity of operators, altho the station is getting out well. W9AKN is busy at school with football Any one who wants one of the new ORS certificates will have to make application, as I fell tt if a fellow doesn't hy tt much ambition he doesn't deserve one. Hi, There is a large amount of activity that I have only second-hand information about, and I would very much like to hear from the non-ORS, whether fone or cw, each month as that is the only way that every one will know what is happening all over the state. Let's hear from ALL of you: Fairmont, Lakeville, Northfield, Jackson, Madison, Bellingham, Appleton, Milan, Round Lake, Luverne, Morristown, New Ulm, Mankato, Anoka, Hopkins or St. Peter, no matter where you Morristown, New Ulm, are, or why, tell us about it. I want to hear from every village, town, hamlet, city, municipality or what have you? After this impassioned appeal, something ought to happen. At that I forgot Marshall, Owattona, Le Seur, Pipestone, Redwood Falls, Browns Valley, Osseo, Winona, Rochester, Caldeonia, Essig, Rushford, Fort Snelling and Minneapolis, all of which have some ham or hams who are all asked to give us sum dope.

Traffic: W9COS 168, W9DRG 157, W9BNN 57, W9BN 54, W9AQN 58, W9AIR 6, W9EYL 3, W9AKN 1, W9EFK 6.

#### DELTA DIVISION

ENNESSEE — SCM, James B. Witt, W48P — W4CW sends in the best report this month. FB, OM. W4AFS has fone on 3500-kc. band and also works bunch of skeds on AA net. W4AGW has 250-watt xmitter going now. The new O.R.S., R.M. and O.O. certificates are out, and all O.R.S. in good standing will receive new certificates at once. Those who have failed to report the last two or three months will be cancelled. Get busy, fellows, and send those reports in. I have received some complaint as to why East Tenn. does not get better representation in this column. My report is made out from reports received from the different stations, and unless you send in your report it is impossible for your section to be represented. W4SJ sends in his first report.

Traffic: W4CW 59, W4AGW 11, W4AFS 10, W4SJ 18.

ARKANSAS — SCM, Henry E. Velte, W5ABI — We can tell by the number of stations reporting, that Radio dx weather has at last arrived. W5HN would like to hear more of the gang on the Army-Amateur network each Monday evening at 8:30 p.m. W5BRI is a new station at Little Rock. Welcome, OM. W5LK will soon have a MOPA on 7 and 3.5 mc. using a 210 tube. W5IQ continues to get out well with his 210. W5BMI is working on both 7 and 14 mc. W5BKB turned in his report by radio, as did W5RW and W5BPE. Thanks, OMs. W5ABI is planning a 3.5-mc. fone for this winter. W5SI has his station located at the airport in Pine Bluff. W5AAJ reports everything OK and is our "BANNER STATION" for this month. W5SS had to have an operation, and will be off the air for a while. Hope you are well by this time, OM. All old ORS certificates are being cancelled and new ones issued in their place. The new

certificates are beauties and well worth working for. Remember, gang, I must hear from all present ORS holders before I will issue them a new certificate. This is done so that inactive stations will not be reappointed. Get busy and let's hear from you soon. We are in need of more ORS and the SCM will be glad to hear from any of the gang that are interested. Let's see who will be "Banner Station" next month.

Traffic: W5AAJ 25, W5BMI 23, W5ABI 22, W5SI 19, W5BKB 12, W5IQ 8, W5HN 7, W5BRI 4, W5RW 2, W5RPE 2

LOUISIANA — Acting SCM, Winfred B. Mask, W5BDJ - Very few of the members of this section knew before hand of my appointment as acting SCM, hence the very small number reporting. We will do better next month. has been very active on both 7000 and 14,000, reporting lots of dx including a ship 800 miles east of N. Y. C. FB, W5AWL is active on 7000 and has applied for another station license; he states the Shreveport gang is trying to arrange a station for the annual State Fair. W5AYZ is a YL op in Shreveport. We would appreciate reports from all the YL ops of La. W5BHV attended the Houston Convention in company with Buddy Moore, a would-be ham of Monroe. They had a FB time, but the morning they returned to Monroe they had a wreck and demolished W5BHV's car. Buddy went to the hospital for three days. W5BKL is heard pounding away quite regularly. How about a report, OM? W5BDJ is technician at KMLB in Monroe and has a crystal-controlled UX250 on 7000. Come on, gang, let's have your reports and put Louisiana over the top

Traffie: W5RR 67, W5BHV 41, W5AWL 34, W5BDJ 6.

#### HUDSON DIVISION

TEW YORK CITY AND LONG ISLAND - SCM. V. T. Kenney, W2BGO — FB, Gang! Two of our stations make the BPL on deliveries this month, and all reports received show that traffic is on the increase Many cancellations and appointments are being made at this time, so good work is expected during this season. Manhattan: W2SC leads this boro and the section for this month, and promises activity galore in the future. W2BNL has been down south again, and during his trip kept his portable, W2ZZH, on the air on 7 mc. W2BZN is on again after closing down his summer station, WSAPK. W2AJP has gone to M.I.T.; therefore that station will be silent during this season. Bronx: W2BPQ leads the Bronx in traffic and has been elected president of Headquarters Company in the Signal Corps outfit that both W2BDJ and W2AFT were elected secretary and treasurer, respectively, in. W2AII now uses a MOPA with two '10s and is getting Xtal reports, W2CYX has rebuilt the Xmitter and receiver and is all set for heavy traffic. W2AFO, ORS and OO, gets plenty of traffic on 7 mc. and is keeping skeds with ZL, YV, CE, TG, K6, HH7C and X9A. W2AQG has a Xtal outfit going now. W2AET and W2AXG still do their share of traffic work, and W2AJJ, De Witt Clinton H. S., has five ops on duty every day looking for traffic. Brooklyn: Another BPLer this month is W2BIV, who also keeps busy as an OO; he leads his boro in traffic. W2BJF, altho very busy, manages to handle some traffic. W2PF, Radio Aide, 2nd Corps Area AA Net, works the W6s regularly on the 3.5-mc. band. W2BEV is still pounding brass. W2CCD, holder of a white ticket, has returned from upstate where he installed an experimental station, and is now heard at his home station again. W2BRB continues to experiment, and reports no activity on 28 mc. Long Island: W2AVP, RM, as ever, is the only reporter from this part of the section, but his consistent skeds with all U.S. districts does a lot to make up the deficiency.

Traffie: Manhattan — W2SC 125, W2BNL 18. Bronx — W2BPQ 60, W2AH 42, W2CYX 39, W2BGO 39, W2AFO 26, W2AQG 26, W2AET 9, W2AXG 8, W2AJJ 6. Brooklyn — W2BIV 123, W2BJF 20, W2PF 18, W2BEV 1. Long Island — W2AVP 24.

EASTERN NEW YORK — SCM, H. J. Rosenthal, W2-QU—The biggest event of the past month was the dinner and get-together given by the Schenectady Amateur Radio Association on October 6th. Two SCMs from the Hudson Division were among the eighty hams present, and that evening marked the beginning of a Naval Reserve Unit, that will soon be active in Schenectady. The Pioneer Radio Club of Westchester announce they are beginning a series of experiments on 56 and 28 mc. W2LU heads the traffic list again this month, and found enough spare time to recruit 11 men for the Naval Reserve. W2ACD, after being sick for

two weeks, made up lost time during the rest of the month with a slew of traffic. W2RD is now all settled in his new QRA and is batting out traffic on 14 Nc. W2BC, with his new 500-watt output xmitter, will be ruining headphones in all parts of the world. W2BSH and W2BIQ have just rean parts of the World. Warder and Warder have just re-eaved their ORS appointments. W2BLU is arranging new skeds in order to put Port Jervis on the map. W2ACY has joined the Reserve. W2QN is also on the air now with a portable under the call of W2ZZL. W2CMQ is now located in Mt. Vernon and will be an ORS soon. W2ACB is still pounding traffic on 3.5 me. W2AYK was off the air part of the month, but managed to handle some traffic. W2BAI is borrowing another 852 so that he can have a push-pull rig. W2OP is Net Control Station in the Army Net this winter. W2CJP is looking for a couple of good skeds with reliable stations. W2BER, after having trouble on 14 mc., has de-cided to stay on 7 and 3.5 mc. W2ANV wants to know when he will receive his new ORS Certificate. The certificates have been mailed to all ORS, so if you didn't receive yours get in touch with the SCM. W2BKN is still having trouble with the QRM on 7 mc. W2LU and W2ACD have been appointed Route Managers, so if you want to arrange skeds, get in touch with them.

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Traffic: W2BC 60, W2LU 130, W2ACD 95, W2RD 86, W2BSH 63, W2BLU 45, W2ACY 24, W2BAI 20, W2QN 16, W2CMQ 12, W2AVB 12, W2AYB 11, W2AI 11, W2OP 11, W2CDP 10, W2ANV 6, W2BER 7, W2BKN 3, W2BIQ

NORTHERN NEW JERSEY - SCM, A. G. Wester Jr., W2WR — W2JF has a few skeds working again and traffic is on the increase. W2AOS was at sea for a few days with W2DX and W2AGE for U.S.N.R. work on the final speed-trial run of the new cruiser flagship U.S.S. Northampton. W2CFQ is now located in Carlstadt. W2AGX is stepping out with a new 852. W2BPY has a few skeds working and is breaking in a few new hams. W2CJX broke in his new xmitter by working 6 new countries on 4 continents on Oct. 12. W2BJZ helped a few hams who were working out-ofband to get back in. W2BPG is very busy at college, but manages to find some time to operate. W2CDQ has been chasing around with the YL, W2CMK. W2AQM, the sta-tion of the Ridgewood High School, is stepping out strong. W2BZJ in Farmingdale handed in a nice traffic total, W2BLV sent in his initial report and expects to have an xtal soon.
W2AMN is too bashful to send in a report. W2CPD is in line for an ORS appointment.

Traffic: W2JF 55, W2AOS 45, W2CFQ 8, W2AGX 5 W2BPY 23, W2CJX 9, W2CDQ 23, W2AQM 9, W2CMK 2. W2BZJ 40, W2BLV 12, W2CPD 34.

#### MIDWEST DIVISION

EBRASKA — SCM, S. C. Wallace, W9FAM — W9FAM gets a good start this month, but lots of hard luck with transmitting equipment. W9DFR is back in the harness getting all tuned up for lots of tfe. FB, OM. W9DI has time to handle some tfc, but is going hard at school. W9BOQ expects to have the old MOPA tuned up soon. W9EHW says the is picking up and expects to hand in a report that will make our eyes bulge out soon. FB. W9QY says he's about all ready to go in for blood W9BQR has the fever for tfc now that the WX has turned cold. W9BLW is very QRW with AT&TCo schooling. W9DTH is building a new receiver and will be ready for hot stuff soon. W9BHN says no business this time; moving and getting license changed. W9EEW says very busy; too many 9's (Train orders) to QTC. W9DVR sends in his ORS on account of being too busy at present. Sorry to lose you. W9BYG is still plugging away on MOP Ry. W9BES is pretty busy conductoring on R/R, W9CPJ is new R.M. for Nebraska. Give him a lift, fellows, and let's get going with Skeds. W9CHB is pretty QRW at KMMJ and rebuilding new first class Ham station.

Traffic: W9FAM 58, W9DFR 9, W9DI 5, W9EOQ 5,

W9EHW 1, W9BQR 2.

IOWA — SCM, H. W. Kerr, W9DZW — Better radio atmosphere this month. W9ACL tops the list for tfc, and atmosphere this month. W9ACL tops the last for tfc, and atmosphere this month. can use west skeds. W9EJQ is arranging skeds, and will be on regularly by the time this is printed. W9FFD now has his xtal wkg on a 132-ft. (40-ft. feeders) Zepp. Look for him, gang, up with the fone boys. W9FLK radios his report. W9FZO is looking for tfc. W9FIF entertained the TSARC and displayed his 500-w rig. Honeymoon over, W9AWY comes to the fore with Des Moines report. Congrats. W9EFU's report went astray last month, but OK this time. W9FWG is getting out now. W9AHX is on 3500 and

7000. A new Des Moines stn, W9BFL, sends in a report. Come again, OM. W9BBD doesn't wish to be listed a "Dead Head" in the AA Net. Lt. Hayden P. Roberts is now handling the AA work at Fort Omaha stirring up Net interest; the SCM would like to hear from any and all who will take part in the AA Net. Iowa and Nebraska hams to the number of fifty met together at the Rome Hotel in Omaha and enjoyed a banquet and hamfest with Mr. F. E. Handy of Hartford as honor guest; many of the old Omaha gang were present. Now, let's have the traffic reports. New ORS certificates are waiting to be issued. Let's go. Traffic: W9ACL 92, W9DZW 91, W9EJQ 58, W9FFD 24,

W9FLK 22, W9FZO 21, W9FIF 17, W9AWY 11, W9EFU

9, W9FWG 5, W9AHX 4, W9BFL 3

KANSAS — SCM, J. H. Amis, W9CET — Activity in Kansas Section is getting back in the old form. Quite a few of the gang desire skeds, so please get in touch with the RMs, W9FLG and W9CFN, who will be glad to fix you up. W9GHI has hopes for the BPL soon and is planning on putting in xtal on 7100 kc. W9CFN has two nice skeds going, but would like more for "long haul traffic." W9HL will have a low powered station going at the power house oon under a new call. He also reports a new ham in St. Francis. W9EBF is very busy at WREN. W9COY wants 56-mc. skeds and is also on 3500-kc. fone. W9FLG is still rying to get his xtal to perk. W9CET has a new lattice mast and a new receiver using two volt tubes. W9BHR has completed a new xmitter for the Kansas National Guard using a push-pull Hartley. W9EVT had to take his antenna off the house next door when they discovered he bothered them with key-clicks. W9DEB is building a new receiver using two volt tubes. W9BTG-W5ZZR has a new 852 on 7000 kc. and is working at KSAC. He reports that KSAC is running an amateur program from 12:30 until 1:30 each Saturday on 580 kc., and would like comments from the gang. Code classes for beginners start November 1st. W9GHR has a crystal going on 7000 kc. W9ESL continues to hold the world's record for blowing 866s. Don't forget the new ruling on ORS appointments. Please get in touch with your SCM at once, if you desire your appointment renewed. TRAFFIC: W9GHI 10, W9CET 45, W9DFN 16,

W9HL 8, W9EVT 8. MISSOURI - SCM, L. B. Laizure, W9RR - W9ECI led in traffic in St. Louis, and is out for more skeds. W9DYJ handled radio show traffic, and stands second. W9FTA handled radio show traine, and stands second. Worked made third place. W9AAU tied with him for this. W9DXY rebuilt the works. W9FTA upset the dope by suddenly beginning to connect with foreigners raising his score to 25 countries. W9PW has 50-watter replacing the pair of 210s and reports better QRK, W9ATX shut down to rebuild, but had some traffic before that time. W9GHG is looking for DX on 14 mc. and sent in a list for "Calls Heard." W9DZN reports from his commercial job on the "P. J. Hurley" he will be home again as soon as navigation closes. Webster Groves was represented by W9FUN who has been building a portable station. He secured the call W9GHN for same. W9GAR led the state in volume of traffic with 215, keeping 5 skeds on 7 and one on 3.5 mc. Nine "rahs" for Plains, as second place in the state score fell to W9CRM. W9CXB sent in his first report this month to help out W9GAR and W9CPM. Three reports from Joplin stations this month: W9ENF is on 3.5 mc. and in with W9DCD, W9ARA and W9AWE for the AA net. W9CLQ increased power and rebuilt the antenna system, putting up two 60footers. W9ASV is putting in a remote control rig in preparation for winter comfort. W9CDU reports for Nevada. W9EPX moved to Columbia and is getting on the air from new QRA. W9CJB built a new xmitter and is now building a receiver. W9BJA resumed skeds with several made and W9BGN represents St. Joseph. He others in prospect. others in prospect. W9BGN represents 8t. Joseph. He wants akeds. Ex-W9BGO is now W5BQ at Muskogee, Okla. W9EDK is now in Vicksburg, Miss. Kansas City reports were rather scarce this month. W9BMA, with W9BMA and W9BMT as operators, has been on continuity of the con ally and turned in a total of 217 messages, which is the largest for some time in K. C. W9AKZ is trying to re-establish skeds for the winter. W9CFL stayed on 3.5 mc. for U.S.N.R. traffic, and built a new antenna system for the U.S.N.R. Armory. W9BJC and W9RR were assistants. W9DQN is still working late night skeds with the W.U. W9ZD has been heard on 3.5 mc. recently with low power tests. W9RR was on 3.5 mc. a few times to chew the rag with old acquaintances. W9BSB is on the road for G.E. these days. New ORS certificates are on hand to supply those who apply. All of the old issue are dead after Nov. 15th.

Traffie: W9ECI 121, W9DYJ 49, W9FTA 34, W9AAU 34, W9DXY 33, W9AMR 30, W9PW 12, W9ATX 4, W9GAR 215, W9CRM 137, W9CXB 14, W9ENF 16, W9CLQ 5, W9ASV 46, W9CDU 18, W9DHN 12, W9BJA 65, W9BGN W9BMA 217, W9AKZ 17, W9RR 5, W9CFL 31,

#### NEW ENGLAND DIVISION

ESTERN MASSACHUSETTS - SCM, Leo R. Peloquin, W1JV - Our traffic total is by far the best since the new SCM took charge last August. Many thanks to the gang for the fine cooperation being shown. Let's keep up the good work boys and keep the ball rolling to a higher total each month from now until spring. 15 members of the Springfield Radio Association travelled to Worcester Saturday evening, Sept. 27th, to pay the Worcester gang a friendly visit. A good all-round ham-fest was held, and the party did not break up until after midnight. Needless to say, everybody had a good time. W1CPG leads in traffic with a fine total. W1ASY is to be made Route Manager and is looking for schedules. W1NS claims he gets more miles per watt than any Western Mass. station. His output is 6 watts. W1AJN sure is doing a fine job, and if he keeps on his call will soon appear on the B.P.L. W1BZJ has a YL now so guess he won't be at his key until colder weather sets in. W1ZB is rebuilding, but has found time to turn in the second largest traffic report this month. FB, OB. Keep it up. W1BSJ says, "Got bit a little by the fone bug, but have used some serum and am C.W. again." W1AJD says most everybody up his way is doing most of his transmitting by fone. (Page W1BSJ for that serum, boys.) W1APL sports two transmitters now; one on 14000 kc. and the other on 3750 and 7100 kc. W1BSN has a regular schedule with the Pacific coast. regularly and keeps a schedule with W1BMX. W1ASU is

going strong with a peach of a crystal set on 3720 kc.
Traffic: W1CPG 115, W1ZB 110, W1AJN 110, W1NS 72,
W1ASY 27, W1BVR 27, W1BSN 22, W1APL 17, W1AKZ

WIAJD 10, WIJV 8, WIBSJ 4, WIASU 6. NEW HAMPSHIRE — SCM, V. W. Hodge, WIATJ -The RM, W11P, steps out this month and pounds out a bunch of real traffic. He is keeping six skeds daily on 3975 ke., but found time to add three new countries to his DX WIBFT and the Durham gang are getting out on 14 me. W1AUY is keeping three skeds. W1APK worked W. Va. on fone. W1AEF is putting up a new antenna and mast for the winter season. W1BAC is now on with a 210 and getting good reports. He, W1IP and W1BII spent a couple recently visiting hams in northern New York W1CCM, although confined to his bed by illness, is on the air at Grafton. He would like more skeds and traffic. FB, OM, W1BJF handled a bunch and is also keeping several skeds daily. The fellows with the reliable skeds seem to find

plenty of traffic. Schedules count, OMs.

Traffic: W1IP 202, W1BJF 76, W1BAC 27, W1CCM 9,
W1APK 2, W1BFT 1, W1ATJ 1.

CONNECTICUT — SCM, Fred A. Ells, Jr., W1CTI — WIAMQ turns in a total that is a joy to behold. He takes first place, even higher than W1MK. Congratulations, OM. RP at W1MK has been busy with the new crystal-control transmitter which is now perking on 7 and 14 mc. He found time to pound plenty of brass, as is shown in traffic totals below. WIAMG has been transferred to Cos Cob and doesn't have as much time for radio. W1UE is back with us again, going strong, keeping six schedules. W1BVW is rebuilding with some new ideas in transmitter design. W1RP says traffic is scarce on 7 mc. Come up to 3.5 mc., OM. Plenty there. W1ADW had a schedule with Yacht "Skipper" and delivered via WU. W1TD says he borrowed a receiver and will be with the gang before this is read. W1BBU lost his entire outfit when the ceiling fell down. W1HD sends in a humdinger of a report, and should be an ORS in another month. He is helping W1BBU rebuild and has turned a BCL into a ham (W1BHV). W1BWM reports via radio CTNITE and says W1NE is rebuilding for an 852. The SCM gave a short talk on traffic handling on October 8 to the members of the I Tappa Key Radio Club in Bridge-port, and is very pleased with the increased activity as shown by letters and reports received. W1BEA and W1AZP send in their initial reports. FB. Keep them coming. Officers of the club are: W1AZG, President, W1AKI, Treasurer and Vice-President, W1AVC Secretary. Reports for W1AKI, W1AZG and W1CAL were received by radio via W1AKI W1BWM. W1BHM has his push-pull 210 transmitter working and QSO's Europe. W1EQH-W1BI sends in his

report, saying to look for W1BI from Boston. Keep your ears open, gang. WIAMQ reports for WIHQ who is very QRL. WICJD reports direct by radio. The Twin City Radio Club held their annual Banquet October 7. W1CBD W9KL was down from Headquarters and gave a very interesting talk on Dynatron Frequency meters, the Hague Conference and WIMK's new transmitter. The TCRC is looking for new members. Here is your chance to join a live club, gang. Get in touch with the Secretary, John J. Morris, 74 Gorham Ave., Hamden. W1CTI has been busy attending club meetings and catching up on sleep. Hi! Four schedules are being kept and more could be used especially with Stamford, Greenwich and New London. It is suggested that everyone stand by for W1AXV transmissions and check frequency meters. Always QSL these transmissions either by card or radio. Those of you who have not applied for reappointment as ORS please do so at once. Remember CTNITE on the 15th. Every one welcome.

Traffic: W1AMQ 445, W1MK 422, W1HD 140, W1UE 135, W1CTI 68, W1CAL 36, W1AKI 27, W1AZG 6, W1BHM 12, W1BBU 27, W1BWM 1, W1AMG 4, W1BVW 7, W1ADW 10, W1RP 10, W1BEA 12, W1AZP 15, W1CJD

EASTERN MASSACHUSETTS --Weeks, W1WV — Radio St. - SCM. Miles - Radio Show traffic has been responsible for some large totals this month. W1ACH, who portable at the Boston Radio Show, heads the list and makes BPL along with W1WV and W1BXB. Besides W1ACH, W1AAO, W1KH, W1JY, W1BXB and W1WV handled the key at different times during the show and the booth attracted an usual number of interested spectators. A goodly number of ORS applicants continue to report, WIATX, a new ham in Norwood, is handling some tic on 3500. W1CAW is working for a commercial license and is also handling some tfc. W1CHR is looking for an ORS. W1AFP starts reporting and also wants an ORS. W1AMB reports fine results with his new 14-mc. TPTG outfit. W1CQN is keeping some skeds, but complains of school W1AZE continues to QSO DX on 14 mc. QSO FREARB in the Canary Islands. W1LM handled some relays. WICCP reports some success on DX on 14 me, besides some tfc on 3500. WIABG continues to keep a number of skeds on 3500 and gets his share of the tfc. W1AAT is waiting for a new power supply for his 204A. W1BXB handled some radio show tfc. W1WU reports con siderable ham activity in New Bedford. A class of about 60 has enrolled for SW radio work at the High School. He visited W1BAT and Mr. and Mrs. W1AJC this month. One of our OTs, W1ZE, is reported as still able to rig an antenna where no one else could. W1LQ is again keeping his skeds with W1UE. W1ADK is our latest ORS. He reports immediate success in his new location and expects more the from now on. W1ASI reports his 852s are permanently wired up now and he wants additional skeds on 3500. W1KH and W1WV, collaborated in working OA4Z and NL8SMI in Martinique, besides working Brazil and Argentina independently on 14 mc. They both have com pleted and put into use the Dynatron Oscillator described in October QST, and have put their wavemeters on the shelf, as a result. W1WV handled tfc from the Boston and Philadelphia Radio Shows. Have you heard the new slogan: "Every O.R.S. get an O.R.S?" Some of the present ORS need to get after themselves first. Hi. It ought not to need Delivery Contest" to make all the ORS report every month. We need all your reports to help us beat Conn.
Traffic: W1ACH 401, W1WV 354, W1BXB 226, W1LQ

170, W1ABG 86, W1LM 69, W1KH 51, W1ASI 45, W1CCP 44, W1CQN 44, W1ATX 41, W1AMB 38, W1WU 29, W1CAW 27, W1AAT 25, W1AFP 25, W1CHR 18, W1ADK

10, W1AZE 5, W1ANK 4.

MAINE - SCM, G. C. Brown, W1AQL -- On behalf of the A.R.R.L. and the Queen City Radio Club, the SCM wishes to extend sincere thanks to the official and operating personnel of station WLBZ, Maine Broadcasting Company, in Bangor, for making it possible to put before the Radio public short broadcasts concerning the A.R.R.L. and the work of the short wave Amateur. We are indeed grateful. On October 4 Prof. Everett L. Roberts, U. of M., WICNP. gave a very interesting talk on the purposes, history, and organization of the League and on October 18 the SCM outlined the spirit and work of the amateurs during certain emergencies during the past decade. More of these talks will be put on the air every two weeks during this fall and winter. Traffic took another slump this month, due to bad weather conditions. What is the reason that more of the gang

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are not reporting? Send in your reports regardless of the amount of traffic handled. WIBLI is high man this month. He reports a lot of ham activity in Orono this fall among the U. of M. students. W1ATO is a close second. W1ANH reports a new ham in the making at Washburn. W1ACW is on the air again at Mars Hill. FB. W1AHY says weather conditions are bad over his way. WICDX will be on regularly at Portland this winter. WIFQ recently received his commis-sion as First Lieutenant in the Signal Reserve, U. S. Army. FB, Les. W1APU has moved his station into a new shack and has a fine layout. W1BGZ, of North Berwick, is a newcomer this month. Welcome, OM. W1QH is building an MOPA and expects to push out a mean signal. WIALZ is planning on building a pee-wee golf course at his cottage Fore! W1BFZ reports foreign dx is picking up. The SCM has a schedule with W1AHY. Watch for an increase in traffic totals.

Traffie: W1BLI 37, W1ATO 34, W1ANH 32, W1AHY 15, W1FQ 12, W1CDX 11, W1APU 9, W1AQL 7, W1BFZ

VERMONT — SCM, Clayton Paulette, W11T — W1ATF leads the state in traffic. W1BD is active in Army-Amateur work. W1ATF is joining. A new station, W1AOA, is on the air at Montpelier. W1CGX has moved to a new location, and has a new xmitter built. He says that he expects to be on the air about December 1st. W1BJP has got new receiver going and repts that it works FB. W1BDX is very busy just now. Come across with some dope boys so we can have something to write up in this report, what are you all doing? Not much stirring up here. I don't seem to get out at all this year with my old wreck of a transmitter. Well, guess no more this time, vy 73 to all. Hope see you all before next month.

Traffic: W1BD 1, W1ATF 35.

#### NORTHWESTERN DIVISION

ONTANA - SCM, O. W. Viers, W7AAT - Since W7FL and W7ASQ are the only reporting station this month our report will be very small, and will continue to be small unless some more of the gang snap into

Traffic: W7FL 3, W7ASQ 12.
IDAHO — SCM, Oscar E. Johnson, W7AKZ — According to W7AFT the conditions on 7 mc. are getting much better. W7ABB hopes to have W7UQ at Moscow on soon. W7ALC spent all summer touring with a portable. W7AT raised his antenna off the roof and now gets out OK. W7GL requests tfc and promises rapid QSP via A.A.R.S. W7FB is still on 7 mc. W7AOO has new osc.-amp. rig on 3.5. W7AIV is building a new 50-watt rig. A rebuilding job keeps W7AIH off. W7ALW is rebuilding KGKX. W7QB has returned from Alaska and is on 7 mc. W7AGH is finally on the air and reports a good time. W7AKZ works on 3532 and 7064 kc. wid xtal rig. W7AFN has moved again, and his place has been filled by W7AR. W7ACD is sending code practice on the 1750-kc. band. FB.

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OREGON — SCM, W. S. Claypool, W7UN — W7ZD did wonderful work on tfc this month and has five skeds working daily. FB, OM. W7ALM tried to join Naval Reserve, but was three inches too tall. Hi. W7APE is show ing up fine in the Coos Bay district. W7WL had the good fortune to attend Sacramento Convention. W7AMF giving weather service to local airport by copying KUP WX broadcasts. W7PE spent a week hunting in Eastern Oregon. W7QY works good dx and handles some tfc. W7UG goes to opr. NPG wx. W7PL reports the Pendleton Amateur Radio Club doing splendid work. W7MQ is new OBS and applies for ORS, W7AIG reports poor conditions and the loss of a yl opr who has gone East to school. Tuff! W7AMQ is on 3.5 agn. The RCARC have moved to new quarters at 1341 Belmont and have fine code class working. W71E is on 7 mc. quite regularly. The SCM lost a BCL neighbor who committed suicide. Don't rush me, boys, and I'll tell you how it's done. Hi. The new ORS certificates will be with us soon but several non-reporting ORS will be out of luck. W7WL will carry on as RM hereafter, so communicate with him for schedule line-ups. A great deal of activity seems to have been aroused in Director's election in this division. May the best man win. Let's all get skeds and boost our section and division.

Traffie: W7ZD 207, W7ALM 70, W7APE 39, W7WL 35, W7AMF 14, W7UN 29, W7QY 12, W7PE 8, W7AIG 6, W7AMQ 5, W7QK 1.

WASHINGTON — SCM, Eugene A. Piety. W7ACS — Well, gang, your new Route Manager is W7OV. Those who want good skedules write him and those who have skeds in operation please let him know. The RM takes the lead this month but was handicapped by a hurt wrist sustained cranking his Ford. W7KZ of Olympia takes second place and says that what traffic he has is good stuff. W7KT sold and says that what traffic he has is good stuff. W7KT sold out and is working in Seattle now. W7AAE is on 7 mc. occasionally. W7ACS is on with a nice xtal sig supplied with B Batteries. W7ACQ, W7ATV and W7APT report for the first time this month. W7AFX finds time to do a little work on the air. W7BB is so busy at the Y school that he doesn't have much time to push the 852. W7AHO is back from Alaska and on the six sayin W7KO more for the six saying way saying s from Alaska and on the air again. W7KO reports for first time in a long while. W7TK is the only station on in Everett, although W7ACY pounds brass once in a while. W7IT is on at Stanwood. W7BG and W7TX are looking for support in the Divisional Director election. W7RT says that dx is much better than traffic. W7IQ is a new station in Tacoma. W7KQ is cutting xtals for the hams now. W7EW, W7AQG, and W7LB are on in Tacoma when school work permits.
Write our new RM for dope on traffic, fellows, and let's make this section talk loud!

Traffic: W70V 89, W7KZ 41, W7RT 34, W7TX 29, W7KT 24, W7AAE 19, W7TK 14, W7ACQ 12, W7AFX 11, W7BB 10, W7AHO 8, W7KO 6, W7ATV 5, W7ACS 5.

#### PACIFIC DIVISION

AN FRANCISCO - SCM, C. Bane, W6WB - Our friend, W6BIP, certainly seems to be the fair haired boy this month not only leading the entire gang in traffic but copping off second prize in both the receiving and sending contests at the convention. The boys all did themselves proud this time; 17 men reporting with two in the BPL. W6EKC shares honors with BIP. W6EKC reports with a fine total, and says he is running regular skeds with Hawaii and will be very glad to QSP K6 traffic. W6FK throws his hat in the ring for the traffic contest. W6ANW reports again after quite an absence. W6DFR's traffic is right up to his usual standard, which incidentally is plenty good. I'm glad to say that your SCM perked up and beat out the RM, W6ERK, for traffic honors. W6ABB is to be congratulated on his nice consistent reporting. He is right in line for an ORS. W6ETR went on a vacation, spent all his money and couldn't go to the convention. Hi! Incidentally I counted 23 men from S. F. at that convention banquet! FB! W6DPF hasn't been normal since he got an 852. W6CAL is getting to be a regular reporter, but he says that college holds him down so that he only gets on week-ends. We have a new man this time in W6BNA. He says he is interested in 56-mc, work and will welcome any correspondence or skeds relating to that band. W6ERK drops way down this trip because of a night job which he is holding down. W6PW is building a complete xtal multi-vibrator unit similar to that now operated by the Radio Inspector, Mr. Smith. Stevens is doing this solely to help the off-wave situa-tion, and is to be applauded on doing this worthwhile work to which so little credit is generally given. We understand that W6KJ established a new non-stop record at the convention banquet. Hi. Hi, and a cheerio! W6DZZ blows up 81's as fast as he can buy them (maybe faster), but squeezed in some traffic regardless. W6AMZ is another regular reporter. W6CIS handled a few, but like a good sport doesn't want to come on until he can get PDC power supply. FB, Ken. The East Bay SCM tells me that he has been getting reports from Marin County. The gang up in Marin (San Rafael, San Anselmo, etc.) are, therefore, reminded that this territory is part of the San Francisco Section and are requested to report to the SCM of said section. W6EPT sends in his report and says he wants plenty of skeds. He tells us further that Eureka has a new ham in the person of Ted Merrill, W6EKR. We are mighty glad to announce that the 1931 Convention will be held in San Francisco.

Traffie: W6FK 95, W6EKC 87, W6WN 68, W6DFR 60, W6WB 53, W6ABB 34, W6DPF 29, W6ETR 28, W6CAL 21, W6BNA 19, W6ERK 21, W6ATI 15, W6DZZ 8, W6AMZ 6, W6CIS 4, W6ANW 72, W6BIP 592.

EAST BAY - SCM, J. Walter Frates, W6CZR the fine showing last month due to the California Flower Festival traffic for the section took a slump this month because the gang couldn't get their mind off the convention in Sacramento, where they had a marvelous time meeting OM Handy and the rest of the fellows in the division. new ruling requiring fifteen messages a month to hold as ORS certificate will go into force next month and an in-

crease in traffic is expected. W6ALX, the old reliable, in again at the head of the section this month through skeds with Los Angeles and other parts of Pacific Coast States. W6ZX, a new ORS, is the next man. W6ZX, who is mostly on in the daytime, reports that traffic is beginning to be awfully scarce. W6BYS has a new 210 xtal oscillator, watt amplifier, and a 250-watter final stage. W6BZU at Concord reports his 73 promptly this month and encloses his usual amount of traffic. W6AQO has been handling some traffic in addition to aiding the gang at the Oakland Radio Club carry out some club stunts. W6RJ, who oscillates between Oakland and Medford, Ore., where he is W7RM, reports that he won first prize sending with his left foot at the Coos Bay hamfest. W6AKB varies the monotony of collecting the gelt as treasurer of the Oakland Radio Club by batting out some traffic. W6AUT, new RM for the Napa District, reports that he has a crystal now and will have it on the nir soon. W6CDA is using xtal control in a FB job on both 7,000 ke. and 14,000 ke. W6CZN says that his receiver went haywire and is now going to rebuild and make an A.C. receiver. W6BMS announces that he is going to put in a crystal, and that the A.C. receiver is finished at least. W6AOH at Santa Rosa is contemplating the construction of a 100-watt push-pull transmitter and says that he only needs another 50-watter to have the job complete. W6BUX at Angwin declares that he has an xtal outfit on the 7,000-ke. band now with a 7.5-watter. W6BI announces that he has built a new room in his house this month to be used exclusively as a radio room. Traffic handling will be his main object. He has no trouble with the north, south, or west, but has a great deal of difficulty getting his traffic east. W6EY is rebuilding his outfit and will be on the air soon. W6CGM called up in a flurry of excitement to announce that he was finally on the air. W6EVD, W6DLT, and W6DGZ of Vacaville report themselves as active. W6AN is still working on 3750 kc. with a low powered transmitter, but most of his time is taken up with section affairs. W6DCZ is still grinding away at the torts and contracts in law college. W6ZM, the CRM, has a number of new plans afoot for more traffic, and is watching the slack ORS with a baleful eye. W6CZR will be back on the air again next month after an absence of several months. W6ZA is building a new type of super receiver and making his transmitter fill into his apartment in Berkeley. W6EDK has been in the Letterman General Hospital in San Francisco, but is back at home again. W6BBJ is making the welkin ring with fone on , and is sending out the League broadcasts on voice as an OBS. W6ACD won prizes at the convention for being the man with the biggest feet and of the tallest height. W6BDU was given a special prize for being the strongest man at the convention. W6ZM and W6EQF, SCM of Los Angeles, are arranging a new East Bay-L. A. traffic contest on a percentage basis. W6DWI is putting W6OT, the station of the Oakland Radio Club, back on the air, and W6ASP is still grinding crystals for the gang.

Traffic: W6ALX 242, W6ZX 80, W6BYS 31, W6BZU 24,

W6AQO 14, W6RJ 14, W6AKB 12, W6AUT 9, W6CDA 7.

W6CZN 6. W6BMS 6.

HAWAII - SCM, L. A. Walworth, K6CIB - All Hawaii is undergoing a complete rebuilding this month, with several new hams receiving licenses. Five high schools of the territory are building 3500-kc. fones for the Inter-Island Radio Fone Net. They are Maui and Lahainaluna on Maui. Hilo on Hawaii and Kalaheo on Kauai. McKinley Hi in Honolulu will become the Official Broadcasting Station November I and the hub of Inter-Island 3500-kc. fone net. Corporal Parucha of K6DV left for the mainland and, as this leaves that station completely to new inexperienced hams, the OBS is being transferred to K6YAL of McKinley Hi School. Sgt. J. C. Bailey, CRM of K6EWB, is taking three months furlough to see home folks, necessitating a temporary appointment during his absence. K6EGD of Hilo was in the hospital this month for removal of his appendix, and set his portable up at his bedside for him. Soon he was telling Aussies and Zedders all about his pilikea (misfortune). SCM K6CIB has been giving talks on Amateur Radio over KGMB weekly for two months, and much in-terest has been developed. The Affiliated A.R.R.L. Club of Honolulu has taken the name of The Radio Club of Hawaii, which makes it the reorganization of the club of years ago of the same name and call OH6BUC. The call K6BUC is being asked for hoping to renew many old international friendships in this way, for this call is well known. Our reorganized club is progressing splendidly and great interest is being manifested. Ham-Aloha, the Hawaiian Section

news sheet, is being put on a subscription basis this month at \$1.00 per year. Other schools that have just started new radio clubs are Punahou, Mid Pacific, Kalakaua and Roosevelt. More than 100 students are enrolled in these four new clubs with possibilities of several new Hams being developed. A final check on convention receipts and expenditures showed a profit of \$10.45, which was placed in the Ham-Aloha fund. Traffic reports are very low this month.

Traffie: K6COG 145, K6CDD 131, K6YAJ 47, K6AJA 37, K6BJJ 20, K6CRU 15, K6ERH 15, K6BVP 13, K6ERO 5,

K6BOE 4.

ANGELES - Acting SCM, Chas. A. W6ASM - Well, gang, this is your old friend, W6ASM, batting for the SCM again while he is away to the convention and a little vacation. Please continue to report to W6EQF, as he will be away only two weeks. Once again our message total is over 5000, and fourteen stations make the BPL. This is certainly FB. Let's keep it up! The A.R.R.C. is now affiliated with the A.R.R.L. and continues to meet under the towers of KGFJ. They have adopted a new policy now which is "More Radio and less politics." They will stage the next quarterly banquet in December. The Tri-County gang did some mighty fine work at the Los Angeles County Fair and handled 1440 messages. There is a new club now called "The Monrovia High Frequency Club," and they hold their meetings over the air. W6AHP was Chief at the Tri-County Club booth at the L. A. County Fair. W6ERC-W6CVV-W6ADH were asst. ops. W6EGH did some nice work with dx skeds. W6QP continues his heavy traffic skeds, and reports that his new 500-watt xtal-control xmitter is now on the air on 7180 kc. W6AOA wants to see a few more yls on the air. W6EKE is going to the Philippines to work for W6ESA's father and will be a "KA" very shortly. W6BCK is going xtal control. W6DEP reports that his KA sked is coming to the U. S. A., or rather the op. is coming. Hi. W6AGR reports that commercial stations busted up his sked. W6OJ says that his 852s in push-pull continue to push out and pull in the dx. Hi. W6WO has a new receiver and a new power supply. W6ABR says that his A.C. receiver is now settling down to work at last and is plenty hot. W6LN is going strong again, and was QSO ZL and VK 22 times in past month. W6CWT makes the BPL due to traffic from the Kern County Fair. W6AKW is using a new Zepp on 3.5 mc. and wants more So. Calif. hams in Army-Amateur Net. W6AEO wants ORS appointment and reports new 2-volt tubes very FB. W6AEC is A-la-Calvin Coolidge this month. W6DLI says that he was left out of October QST. Well, you are in this month, OM. Sorry. W6ESA says that screen-grid detectors are very FB and is now using one in his Pilot Wasp. W6EAF reports visiting W6AKW at the "Owls Roost." W6ACL is busy with school work, but managed to handle a bit of traffic during the week-ends. W6TE says that he pulled through the first quarter exams, so will be on the air some from now on. W6ZBJ is trying to organize a club in Santa Barbara. W6DAK is trying peaked audio in receiver and a d.c. note in the xmitter. W6AM is still using his six-phase power supply and a reflector system on 7200 kc. W6FT now has xtal control and wants skeds. W6EEP sends in another Calvin Coolidge report. Ditto for W6EAU. W6BJC says the wind blew down his sepp, so now using Herts. W6CXW is interested in securing ORS appointment. W6AKD has been busy checking off-frequency stations. Better look out, every W61D has a new receiver which is a knockout. W6BGF has a bad case of QRM from yls. W6EQD says nothing new. W6DOZ does most of his work on 14 mc. now. W6DZI is on 3.5 mc. now, as QRM on 7 mc. was too fierce. W6ERL says that he is about to settle down for some nice winter dx W6FJ has to work for a living now, so does not have much time for operating. W6AZL says that he took the commercial examination, but does not know the result as yet. Hope you passed, OM. W6FBF is now officially on the air and welcomes all QSOs, W6ASM is now with the Jackson-Bell Co. and is putting in lots of hours. W6CUX is now using a portable on 7 and 3.5 mc. W6BLS, who has a broken back, is getting along better now and will be on soon. FB, OM. W6BRO went to the convention with the SCM. W6QF changed his yl into an OW. FB. W6ETJ says that anyone wanting skeds please get in touch with him. W61L has a receiver using push-pull detector and reports it is very good. Traffic: W6AHP 1440, W6EGH 886, W6QP 701, W6AOA

606, W6EKE 223, W6BCK 185, W6DEP 168, W6AGR 145, W6OJ 129, W6WO 124, W6ABR 106, W6LN 106, W6CWT 98, W6AKW 80, W6CNC 294, W6WA 38, W6DOV 19, W6AEO 48, W6AEC 41, W6DLI 37, W6ESA 43, W6EAF 31, W6ACL 24, W6TE 24, W6ZBJ 22, W6DAK 18, W6AM 15, W6FT 15, W6EEP 14, W6EAU 12, W6BJC 11, W6ETJ 217, W6CXW 11, W6AKD 9, W6ID 9, W6BUZ 6, W6HT 5, W6BGF 4, W6EQD 4, W6AZL 2, W6DOZ 2,

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NEVADA — SCM, K. L. Ramsay, W6EAD — It looks like W6CDZ is the only one who handles traffic in Nevada. The Nevada Amateur Radio Association is putting on an exhibit at the University of Nevada Homecoming Day. They have a transmitter and receiver set up in a booth for an exhibit and will take messages from any of the visitors to be sent direct from the booth. Nevada was represented at the Pacific Division Convention by W6CDZ, W6CRF, W6AJP and W6EAD, all of whom had a fine time. Mr. Handy rode from Sacramento to Reno with the Nevada gang where we had a little dinner and informal meeting for him. The fellows were mighty glad for an opportunity for a chat with him, and I fear he got a little behind on his sleep before we let him go. W6UO is busy with the Army Net. W6EAD is finished rebuilding and ready for the winter's traffic and rag chews. W6CRF is on with his 3500-kc. phone. The University of Nevada is building a ham transmitter for phone and CW. W6CDZ is going to school and hasn't much time for radio.

Traffic: W6CDZ 10.

ARIZONA - SCM, H. R. Shortman, Jr., W6BWS - We were favored by a visit from F. E. Handy, our Communications Manager, this month. Most of the gang were present at a meeting, and all profited by the talk, which covered most of the phases of amateur radio, and the SCM is particularly pleased with the revived interest which resulted from the visit. W6BJF reports thirty-four foreign QSOs with eight countries. FB! He also reports handling important traffic between Phoenix and the Philippines relating to an automobile accident. W6BLP leads the state in traffic. He made a trip from Stuart Mountain Dam to Phoenix to attend the meeting when C. M. Handy was here. W6CVR, attend the meeting when C. M. Handy was here. Working for the Power Company and promises to be on by the time this is in print. W6CAP, are promises to be on 50 whether the University at Tueson, as is W6DGM, who was formerly W6BHC of Bisbee. W6BCD is back on the air with a new A.C. receiver. W6VV-W6BWS is getting the Xtal rig finished up and will be going strong very shortly. W6EOF has started work on a Xtal set using type '10s throughout. W6DQW broke one rectobulb, so is using half wave with 8 mikes filter. W6DGY is working on a crystal set, which will probably be completed when this is in print. W6DXC is changing to push-pull TPTG, and remodeling receiver. W6CCN is moving to Oakland, Calif., and going to school. W6DWP reports working on a new MOPA and will start on a super het receiver when he gets through. WeDJH is coming on with a crystal-controlled phone in a month or so. WeDCQ is working phone on 3500 & regularly, and upon the SCM's suggestion, he promised to report monthly again. Hi! WeAWD, WeBFA, and Ex-W6BGA, made a trip from Mesa to attend the meeting. W6BFA is working Aussies and Zedders with his low-power set. W6AWD is on the air lots, and getting out fine. Ex-W6BGA is building a TPTG and will be on soon — he hopes. Hi! W6CWI is on the air every day, and working out well. W6EAA, and W6DIE are attending the Y.M.C.A. Radio School in Los Angeles.

SANTA CLARA VALLEY — SCM, F. J. Quement, W6NX — W6YU crashed into the BPL with a bang this month with 487 messages. W6YU still needs several Eastern schedules to complete their intensive traffic net. Another station, W6YG, is going to give W6YU competition. For handling consistent traffic, the prize goes to W6ALW W6BMW is still on 7250 kc. and out for traffic as usual. W6DCP is situated on a state highway and has an advertising idea that is helping people get acquainted with amateur radio. FB. W6BAX, the DX king, is back on 7 mc. for a trial. W6CLV is rebuilding his station. W6BHY is on the air daily

at San Jose and is always ready for traffic.

Traffic: W6YU 487, W6YG 213, W6ALW 190, W6BMW 28, W6DCP 8, W6BHY 69.

SAN DIEGO—SCM, H. A. Ambler, W6EOP— W6AXV again leads the section in TFC. W6ACJ was the only one from this section to attend the convention. W6CTP spent a few days in the hospital after an auto accident. W6EOP built a new a.c. receiver. W6EOF is also building a new receiver. W6BAM has a new 50-watter going in Colpitts
ckt. He and W6BVX are very QRL harvesting walnuts. W6ADC says very QRL college and sports a new Ford. The P. A. T. Club held a special meeting and had as guest

Mr. F. E. Handy from Headquarters, who gave the club a very interesting talk. All enjoyed the meeting very much. New ORS tickets will be issued soon so get in your reports, fellows. Next month, all ORS in this section will have their calls in this space so if your call is not listed you will know

that you are no longer an ORS.

Traffic: W6AXV 83, W6ACJ 63, W6CTP 18, W6EPF 8,

W6EOP 7, W6BAM 4.

#### ROANOKE DIVISION

EST VIRGINIA - SCM, D. B. Morris, W8JM -W8DPO is the most active ham in West Virginia. WSDPO is the most active ham in west virginia.
WSDPO reports two new hams in Wheeling,
WSBOW and WSAAO. Let's hear from you soon, Boys.
WSCBV is working great DX on 7000 and 14,000 kc.
WSBWK is active on 7170 kc. WSHD seg he is working hard at the office with memories of the European trip still in his mind. W8BTV is back on the air again and going strong. W8DNN is trying to get some "Hams" to help him raise W8BOK's phone station is being heard his 60-foot pole. regularly throughout the middle west. WSDRL is also reaching out with his low-power phone station. W8JM and Ex-W8VZ renewed old friendships when Ex-W8VZ dropped in from Detroit, where he is now working with R. C. A. photophone. If all the hams on the air would only report, West Va. sure would have some report, but as they don't we will have

to struggle on with the old reliables.

Traffic: W8BOK 46, W8QR 42, W9BTV 31, W8DNN 27, W8HD 15, W8DPO 12, W8DRL 12, W8JM 11, W8AAI 8, W8CBV 5, W8BWK 4, W8TI 2.

VIRGINIA — SCM, J. F. Wohlford, W3CA — W3CXM, ewcomer in our section, carries off the honors this month with his traffic. This station maintains about ten or twelve skeds, which accounts for the excellent work done. W3AAJ-W3WS coming on air with a 250-watter. This station has eight or ten skeds, and wants more. W3CFL, another new comer to our district, makes a good report each month. W3AMB is using a 50-watter in Hartley. W3TJ overlooked reporting by mail, so sent it by W.U. FB, OM. W3WO is another station with about ten or twelve skeds. W3BGS and W3KG are back on the air after a little lay-off on account of getting new power lines and building new apparatus.
W3BEV is getting junk together to come back on the air
after several years lay-off. W3ZA is still working phone. OM. If you handle any traffic, let us have report of it. W3BDZ revamped the whole outfit. W3BZ, we understand from good authority, has a lot of phone junk hid in the shack. Of course it could not possibly belong to W3BZ's outfit! Several new stations are on the air in and around Roanoke, W3BDW being one of them. W3ARU has just returned from three months' leave of absence, and I know he will be with us next month. We would like to see a little interest shown by some of you fellows around Norfolk. We would like to have your cooperation, as we need it, and I am sure you fellows can do a lot to help the monthly report. By the time this is in print we should be well on our way with the new ORS certificates which take the place of the old ones. The old ones become null and void on November 15th. See Nov. QST for further dope.

Traffie: W3CXM 448, W3WO 145, W3AAJ 27, W3FJ 42,

W3CFL 18, W3AMB 8.

NORTH CAROLINA - SCM, H. L. Caveness, W4DW We were very happy this month to receive reports from at least four stations who had never sent in reports before, W4TU reported a total of twelve messages for the month ending Sept. 15th, but the report did not reach the SCM in time to get in QST. Another new ham reporting for the first time is W-TR, who, by the way, is keeping four regular schedules. W-4AEL gave us a thrill by sending in his report in a Postal Telegraph Company envelope. He has just received his "green ticket." And then here comes a letter from W4DQ, who has fond recollections of pre-war, pre-marriage we understand the significance of that O.K.) and spark days, and who yearns for the good old rag chewing variety of QSO's because "the old rag remains to be chewed." We are delighted to receive his first report after his come-back. W4AA-W4NG gives us quite a bit of good, worth-while information. W4AA and W4NG are crystal-controlled either on 3567, 7134, and 14,268 kes., or on 3561, 7122, and 14,244 kes. W4AA has built a 75-watt job for W4ZH; a 412 as oscillator with 3555-ke. crystal, an 865 as first frequency doubler, a 210 as second doubler, and an 852 power amplifier. W4ABC is now operating a 3572-kc. temperature-controlled crystal in a 75-watt outfit in the 7-mc, band most of the time, W4JR observes that we are

badly in need of more 4's on 3500 ke. W4UI is now on the air when time permits, and is always willing and glad to QSP. "Same here," says W4EG, who is still hammering away on 7 mc. W4PP has been appointed Route Manager for Western North Carolina, and if you are already keeping schedules, or desire some with some good reliable stations, see him on the on Monday nights on 3500 ke. and in the mornings on 7000 kc. W4DW recently held a thirty-minute QSO with SP3DO, who reported his 14-mc. signals QSA 4, R 7, pure DC. W4ZB is handling traffic for the high school with good

Traffic: W4AA-W4NG 177, W4JR 34, W4TR 17, W4DW, W4AEL 9, W4DQ 6, W4TU 5, W4EG 1, W4UI 1.

W4ZB 183

#### ROCKY MOUNTAIN DIVISION

TAH-WYOMING - Acting SCM, C. R. Miller, W6DPJ - W7AAH again leads the section, and is keeping several skeds. W7AAG blew one 50-watter, has several more now. W7HX is still going strong. W6BTX is busy teaching school, but keeps several skeds. W6EKF is still too busy at KLO to pound brase much H attended the Pacific Division Convention and "B" battery. W7ABO is getting out at last. W6DPJ is on again.

Traffie: W7AAH 50, W7AAG 31, W6DPJ 18, W7HX 14,

W6BTX 10, W6EKF 4

COLORADO - SCM, C. R. Stedman, W9CAA rado Springs seems to be coming back to life again by the looks of this report. W9AOD is building a 75-watt crystal outfit. W9FBR and W9DNP, two other Springs stations, are out to beat W9AOD in traffic, if possible. W9FYT was on the air at the Boy Scout camp near Colo. Springs W9DQD has closed up till next summer on account of school, but will be heard at W9YQ this winter. W9CDE has been on some over week-ends. W9AAB takes the traffic honors this time. W9ESA is working a schedule with W9FAM, who in turn has a schedule with W7ASQ. Traffic for Montana and the Northwest should be routed thru these stations. W9GBQ is pounding out on 3500 ke. W9BQO is starting up again. W9ZE is moving to a new QRA. W9APZ is getting out a bit with 90 volts on a 112A, and keeps a schedule with W9EFP. W9EFP uses phone some and has moved to 1750 kc. for that work.

Traffic: W9AAB 99, W9AOD 79, W9DNP 77, W9ESA 79,

W9DQD 31, W9GBQ 4, W9EFP 5, W9APZ 7.

#### SOUTHEASTERN DIVISION

LABAMA - SCM, Robert E. Troy, Jr., W4AHP-W4KP leads the state in traffic. Watch his smoke, fellows. W4LM is going strong. He was appointed OBS. Listen for him on 7009 kc. at 12:30 p.m., Monday, Wednesday and Friday. W4AKM is getting back on after a W4AG is coming along nicely, but of summer school. lacks his old fire. W4VC has an MOPA going now. W4DD has a pure D.C. note. W4LI just installed a 250-watter. W4EW is confined to his bed with a broken leg. W4PAI is building high-power CW and low-power fone outfits. The W4DV, a new fellow in Selma. Good luck, OM. W4TI and W4OH are having trouble with the BCLs. W4AIH is on the air again in Selma. W4DS keeps A.A. skeds with a 201A on 3.5 me. Congratulations to the newly organized "Birmingham Radio Club." Our best wishes for success go to them. The SCM was very pleased by a visit from the Communications Manager, F. E. Handy. W4AAQ is not on much due to work at WSFA. W4AKB had another attack of YLitis! Fellows, drop me a postal card, at least, about the 15th or 16th. I'm not a mind reader and haven't televising eyes to see what you are doing. Good luck for the best radio season.

Traffic: W4LM 60, W4AG 8, W4AJR 3, W4ADL 10,

W4AGI 12, W4KP 70.

FLORIDA - SCM, Harvey Chafin, W4AII - W4QL down in Miami is head man this month in the line of tfc. W4HC is next highest, and has a fine total for the first time reporting. W4QN and W4AIO says that traffic seems to be improving. W4UJ will be on again shortly. W4AKH handled 16 messages. W4KM handled his tfc from the Georgia Fair at Columbus. W4ABF recd some dx cards this month. W4DC has a new fifty on the air now. W4FM at JAX. is going to rebuild soon and use an MOPA with a 50-watter. W4BT is a new amateur down in Miami. His QRA is 270 NE. 23rd Street. W4SK is still on the air when not at college. W4AEM is keeping skeds with W4AIV and W4AGP,

and would like more with some of the southern stations in Florida. W4RU sure is getting out with those poor 226 tubes. Hi. W4ZU is now using a low power transformer because W4IK blew W4ZV's, the one that he was using. W4ALH is also on the low power list this month because he blew his filter condensers. W4TK says he is busy at WJAX. W4AC, W4SQ, W4PAW and W4AII have all been trying 3500-kc. fone and are getting out FB. All of the stations in Florida, please drop the SCM a line so that we can have a get-to-gether party over the air or a rag-chewing contest. All fone men in favor of this, drop the SCM a line at once. There were twenty-four of the old ORS certificates is although I have had but six men ask for renewal. If you want a new ORS appointment, you should apply at once as the supply is limited. All ORS appointments were cancelled November first.

Traffie: W4QL 22, W4HC 20, W4ACM 20, W4QN 18, W4AKH 17, W4KM 13, W4ABF 10, W4FM 10, W4BT 8, W4SK 7, W4QF 7, W4AEM 7, W4ZU 5, W4ALH 4.

#### WEST GULF DIVISION

OUTHERN TEXAS - SCM, H. C. Sherrod, Jr., W5ZG - Fall weather is certainly here, if the increasing number of stations heard from is any indication. section was certainly well represented at the fourth West Gulf Division Convention, held on October 10th and 11th at the Rice Hotel in Houston. All of the gang got pretty well acquainted during their sojourn, and the many friendships and acquaintances made will not soon be forgotten.
The Houston Amateur Radio Club deserves a world of credit for the punctuality with which the various attractions were presented. The manner in which the meetings were conducted deserves praise, and the Houston Amateur Radio Club deserves no small amount of credit for the very evident thought given the planning of this amateur congre gation. Just as this is being written there comes a shadow to mar our pleasant memories of the convention just passed. It is with inexpressible regret that we chronicle the passing of one of our number, Mr. H. V. Flanagan, W5ATT of Corpus Christi, who was accidently shot on October 15th. Words cannot express our loss. W5ATT was popular and a real credit to our bond of friendship, amateur radio. Houston: The Bayou City is surely represented, and from the number of hams on the air it looks like a tough year for the YL's. Calk, W5BHO, is on regularly and has a nice d.c. note. W5EI, Ward, is also very active keeping schedules with W2KJ, W4CX, and VE3CZ. W5TD, Tennant, who incidentally won the UX-852 awarded by the Houston Amateur Radio Club for the best amateur station in their city, sends in a nice report. He was QSO with Groves, W5NW, the day NW arrived in Manila, P. I. Loving, W5ZL, is on the air now, and seems to be getting out well. Havard, W5BKW, is also going again. W5OX renewed his extra first-class ticket and is threatening to come on with a crystal rig. (Believe me, fellows, it's a fine-looking piece of work, too.) W5LP, Chun, has retired on account of QRM from Rice Institute. LP won second place in the station contest above mentioned. DeBardeleben, W5PK, is sorely afflicted, 'tis said. She lives in Gonzales, and it's rumored to bad case. Keeling, W5JQ, is a new amateur on the air. W5WL is planning to return as soon as the present QRM from the house painters subsides. Ernie Ross recently got his amateur ticket, and has been in something of a daze ever since. At any rate he was certainly pleased when seen at the convention, and at the banquet he was indeed the life of the party. W5ASM is on intermittently. W5BML is also getting out nicely working sixes regularly. W5BOC swears he is going to work New Zealand or bust something trying. Dasietta: W5BLD is on and working regularly. Galveston: Like every place else, things are proving up attacked stations coming on all the time. W5AVC, Berg, works stations coming on all the time. W5AVC, Berg, works Like every place else, things are picking up here with new regularly and is the island's best representative. Weakley, is heard intermittently. Rattisseau, W5AUX, is still working on the crystal rig. Rouse, W5IM, is also heard There will be two more stations here occasionally. Warriner, Ex5TT, and Scharpwinkle, Ex5ACR, obtain new licenses. The SCM is still cleaning up the wreckage resulting from a playful windstorm festooning his zepp and mast over the immediate neighborhood. The R. I. flatly refused to reassign our calls with a K in front of them instead of a W. Our contention was that we are on an island and should be placed in the same category as Hawaii and other foreign possessions. Even the fact that the Houston gang says we are foreigners didn't impress DuTriel one bit. Hi. Baytown: W5DS, Bohannon, is on regularly and doing some nice DX.

Corpus Christi: Nelson, W5MS, sends in a nice report. He is the new Official Broadcasting Station for that territory, W5ATY is out of commission on account of a heavy rain. W5ATY is out of commission on account of a heavy rain. W5AB, Parks, moved his station to the Aransas Compress Company to get away from heavy QRM from car line. W5BKG has several schedules. Get a QSO with her, fellows. She is a darn good operator. W5AQK is on regularly and handling traffic. W5ALV is also on consistently. He is the S. P. operator at Corpus. W5ZN is coming back after many silent years. FB, Ed. W5MX has a regular schedule with the Philippines, and says DX is coming back. Kerrville: Lawson, W5BKE, drops us some nice done which is more than son, W5BKE, drops us some nice dope which is more than welcome. McKnight, W5ZB, is on consistently in the 7-me. band and handling traffic. San Antonio: Gallagher, W5AHB, band and handling trame. San Antonio: Gallingner, working, is the sole representative for the Alamo city. The quality of the representation more than makes up for the quantity, however. Flatonia: Nesrsta, W5AJD, reports as usual. He has a schedule with San Antonio and is a fine outlet for westbound traffic, Rosenberg: Behrendt, W5PU, is a new-standing work translation of the property of the prop comer and a most welcome one as his city has not been beard from before. Jacksonville: Allen, W5EQ, is another new reporter. It's good to see interest picking up in East Texas, as we need men there. W5EQ has been QSO with all districts but the seventh, and gets mighty nice reports with the lone UX-210. W5BRC is still waiting for "Uncle Dave" to send the rest of the parts for his transmitter. Greenville: Butcher, W5AL, is on occasionally, but politics have him

occupied just now.

Traffic: W5EI 38, W5AJD 22, W5AB 22, W5TO 18, W5ZB 13, W5AHB 7, W5BHO 6, W5ZG 22, W5EQ 6, W5BKE 17, W5LP 16, W5PK 3.

W5BKE 17, W5LP 16, W5PK 3.

NEW MEXICO — SCM, Leavenworth Wheeler, Jr.,
W5AHI — By the time this issue of QST reaches you, our
regular Sunday morning QSO Parties, scheduled to begin
Nov. 2, should be running smoothly. All known active stations were notified prior to that date. If any have been missed, please drop the SCM a card, W5AUW and W5AJR are both on the trail of an ORS appointment, and make a good beginning this month. W5BPJ is another newcomer in Albuquerque. W5AOE is on 14 mc. W5AIE is reported as having a new pair of towers rivaling KOA's. Hi. W5TV graduated to the 210 class only to have it go soft. W5BQE sends in his report on the first reporting date to come around since he got on the air. FB. Six daily skeds account for the large total of W5AHI this month. Prospects for an active winter season are promising with several of the newer men, noted above, reporting. The southwest portion of the state noted above, reporting. The southwest portion of the state is still dead, however, and we should be gratified to hear of any activity in the vicinity of Deming, Los Cruces, etc. You fellows in Roswell and Clovis! Are you going to let the Albuquerque and Los Vegas gang show you up?

Traffic: W5AHI 489, W5AUW 15, W5TV 10, W5BQE 8,

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NORTHERN TEXAS — SCM, Roy Lee Taylor, W5RJ
— W5HY still pounds out a few. W5BAM kept W5AKM
in touch with his OW and sick baby while they were in
Dallas. W5ARV worked VK and ZL. W5ARK worked a ZL with his lone 210. W5ASP reports by radio via W5BAD. W5AAE is working 14, 7, 3.5 and 1.75 mc. W5BAD worked ten foreigners in less than ten days. W5RJ, the SCM, has moved to 1614 St. Louis Ave. Please send reports to new QRA. W5BLU is working everything with his 201a with 180 volts. W5AUL wants an ORS. W5BND worked his first foreigner. W5RH is rebuilding. W5GZ also worked his first foreigner. W5SH is making preparations to get on the air again, after wash is making preparations to get on the air again, after a two-year absence. W5AGQ is having a brain storm over xtal control. W5AZP is getting out OK.

Traffic: W5HY 85, W5BAM 68, W5ARV 46, W5ARK 34,
W5ASP 31, W5AAE 25, W5AUL 21, W5BAD 15, W5RJ 14,
W5BND 6, W5BLU 24.

OKLAHOMA - SCM, Wm. J. Gentry, W5GF - W5VQ makes the brass pounders for the last two months. Congratulations, OM. Now, Gang, this station has set a pattern for you to shoot at. W5BQW is the new Route Manager for Muskogee. Get in touch with him for traffic in Eastern Muskogee. And W5ASQ at Ponca City is Route Manager for Northern Oklahoma. We need a couple of Official Observers. Who wants the jobs? W5CB just needs a little more tfc. W5AUV is back with us again. Welcome to the ranks again, OM. W5AYF is going fairly well on tfc. W5ALP has gone to school again. Sorry to lose you, OM. W5OJ and the Frederick gang made the convention at Houston and reports a very FB time had by all. W5AMC has an ORS certificate coming soon. W5AAV reports not much doing at his shack. W5QL is building a station for his buddy. W5MM is going

well with xtal. W5SW sure does like to have these oil wells in his back yard. They mean more \$\$ for tubes. Hi. W5BHW is on now and then with a nice PDC sig. W5GF is perking along about the same. Well, Gang, we are sure leaving the boys down south behind with tfc. reports. Let's keep them stepping. HW?

Traffie: W5VQ 636, W5AMC 73, W5BQW 58, W5OJ 51, W5CB 49, W5AUV 26, W5ASQ 25, W5GF 18, W5AYF 8,

W5ALD 7.

#### CANADA

Very encouraging reports were received from each division this month. From coast to coast the winter enthusiasm is taking hold with most SCMs reporting renewed activity in traffic, and a number of new

stations and many old-timers getting into the fold. SCM Thompson reports VE3DA operating a crystal-controlled transmitter, temperature control operating on all bands which should be very useful to us Canadians as a marker. If we had two more stations such as the above, one in the extreme East and another in the West, Canada would be well taken care of in this regard.

Van Alta, British Columbia, section sends in a very fine traffic total, leading by 100% over Ontario, who generally heads the list. This is good work for our West coast division. Let's have more of this and

make this winter a record breaker.

Many Western stations are asking for Eastern skeds. Eastern stations kindly get in touch with your SCM or Route Manager, who will be glad to arrange skeds for you. Another idea, get in on the Wednesday evening all CANADA NIGHT, and get a real kick by working Canadians

CANADIAN GENERAL MANAGER ALEX REID, VE2BE

#### MARITIME DIVISION

OVA SCOTIA—Acting SCM, A. M. Crowell, VE1DQ—We welcome back an old-timer this month, ex-IAE, who is now using the call VE1AB with B battery supply on 14 mc. He and VE1DR have had many good rag chews on this frequency. VEIAS and VEICC are at present in the woods. — on vacation, the scene of great activity being VEIDQ's camp, where they have a xmitter in action on 7 mc. VEIDQ is keeping sked with them from the city and shooting out latest dope on YLs, etc. VE1AX has had good success with his 3.5 mc. fone and is now polishing up his voice at the local B.C. station. VE1DM, former R.I., has gone to the U.S. A. for six months on new job. All N.S. stations are again asked to report. Let the gang know what you are doing.

#### ONTARIO DIVISION

NTARIO—SCM, E. C. Thompson, VE3FC—Central District: VE3GT leads the Section in traffic and general activity. He hereby issues a challenge to the other Canadian stations for a traffichandling contest, and with five good schedules we feel he is pretty safe. VE3EC, whose report should appear in the Southern District news, is up and coming with a nice traffic total. VE3AD writes a nice newsy report, and says that W9EXL and he got a write-up in the Elkhart, Ind., daily paper for a nice bit of free traffic handling. This lad's latest ambition is to contact some VE4 station. VE3GK wants to get on a Trans-Canada traffic route when one is formed. He reports that VE3BV is a newcomer on the air in his vicinity, and we all extend a hearty welcome. VE3BP has moved again. Where to this time, OM? VE3DA now has a real transmitter on the air, a crystal-controlled outfit with temperature control. His frequencies will be 3505, 7010 and 14020 kc., and they should be very useful as markers for the gang. VE3DW is still teaching the code to a bunch of prospective amateurs. FB. VE9AL keeps the usual schedules and is always on the air. VE3BC is getting a new transmitter into action with crystal control on 7175 kc. Speak up, gang, if you want schedules. Northern District—G. V. Lawrence, VE3ET, Acting SCM—VE3HA is doing great work on

traffic. VE3HU has broken out in a new place and bids fair trame. VESHC has broken out in a new pace and outsime to become a BPL member. VESBD also handles some. VESBG is coming along and will soon be on with several operators. VE3GX, with the help of VE3HA, sends in his first report and promises his support. Tnx, OM. VE3HA, VE3HU, VE3GX and VE3BD are all prospective ORS. Traffic: Central District—VE3GT 76, VE3EC 20,

Traffie: Central District — VE3GT 76, VE3EC 20, VE3AD 9, VE3GK 8, VE3DA 5, VE3DW 1. Northern District — VE3HA 64, VE3BD 12, VE3HU 8.

#### **OUEBEC DIVISION**

UEBEC - SCM, Alphy, Blais, VE2AC - The principal achievement this month was the A.R.R.L. booth at the Montreal Radio Show. Congratulations to all who took part and made a success of the job the organizers: VE2BE, 2AP, 2CA and the XYL, 2HV-2BD and 2CL, who was the handy-man at the show. considerable amount of traffic was handled. As by enchantment conditions have become better after such a rotten summer season. Fall and winter promises to be a phone season with the following stations on 3.5 and 14-mc. phone: VE2AP, 2BE, 2EY, 2HV, 2EV, 2BN, 2HT, 2AV and 2AC. Watch for us Sunday mornings at 10:30 E.S.T. There has never been so much pep in the gang. Our old faithful VE2BB won't complain about rotten conditions next month. Newcomers should get in touch with the SCM as soon as possible. VE2CL had some bad luck with his power supply. VE2CA and the XYL op. are doing fine work. VE2BE keeps working late at night on the xmitter. VE2AP was successful with 14-mc. phone. VE2BG works some DX on 14 mc. VE2EV in St. John is putting in crystal-control phone on 3.5 and 14 mc. VE2BZ handles traffic and keeps busy repairing relays. VE2BJ has several operators working daily and is all set for traffic handling. VE2AC resume his skeds and intends making the BPL every month. All ORS certificates will become null and void in mid-November. All members desiring ORS appointments must send in their application for nomination. See November QST for full details. We need a few Official Observers for this Divi sion, also Official Broadcast Stations. Amateurs interested should apply to SCM. In the future mention of members' work in this column will be made of those who report on time: 16th of each month. Keep skeds and originate traffic should be your motto for this season. Canadian would-be amateurs who are interested in learning the code please write to the SCM and arrangements will be made to have a few stations on the air giving you special transmissions. Traffic: VE2BE 35, VE2AP 50, VE2CA 12, VE2BZ 2,

VE2AC 28, VE2BB 4.

#### VANALTA DIVISION

LBERTA - SCM, G. F. Barron, VE4EC sorry, fellows, for not having the monthly report in QST last month. Have been up North since the first of June and just got back on the 19th of September; therefore did not have time to send in a report. VE4EI is high station as usual. VE4DT is a new station at Glendon. Welcome to our fraternity, OM. VE4EA is experimenting with a pliodynatron and thinks it's FB. VE4BW claims that radio conditions are improving. (Oh Yeah?) VE4GY had his aerial blown down and has erected a new one. After the Canadian Amateur Radio Association's meeting on the 4th of October, VE4HM went home with VE4GT and managed to work a ZL. VE4CU makes his usual "Whoopee" with his 250watter. VE4EW is a new station using a six-tube transmit-ter, two 245's, two 224's and two 227's. VE4BJ says "ND" his shack, but expects to be well away next month. VE4EY, also a new station on the South side, is on with a low power outfit, VE4AF has gone East. We would like to hear from VE4FJ, VE4GM, VE4GD and VE4HC. Let's get the old ball rolling again, gang, and have some real hot reports for next QST

Traffic: VE4EI 76, VE4DT 9, VE4EC 1.

BRITISH COLUMBIA - SCM, J. K. Cavalsky, VE5AL VE5EC is a new ORS and tops the traffic this month, but the SCM promises him some competition on his next report. VE5CO is trying to eliminate some of the Arc light QRM by using a doublet. VE5DU says he is putting in remote control so as to keep warm during the winter. VE5HP is getting out better now. VE5CB is not on owing to studies. VE5AP has been out of town. VE5DQ says his set won't perk. VE5HP is putting in a motor generator. Conditions in Prince Rupert have been terrible according to VE5GT, who is trying to maintain his sked with Vancouver. VE5DX

and VE5CM of the same city only get on when in port, In Vancouver the gang seem very active and we are pleased to hear a decided improvement in the notes. VE5DR is back again and hopes to get going shortly. VE5AG is making his new tube do its stuff. VE5BP has his set working at last, VE5AL has completed his remodelling and hopes to move VE5AN attended the Convention at Sacrasome traffic. mento. VE5CF is on occasionally. VE5AC tried 3500 kes., but didn't have very much success, so is back with the rest of the gang. VE5CR is on again after a long rest. VE5AK reports working a few on 14,000. VE5BK is giving his fone a rest. VE5BC is constructing a new receiver which he hopes will solve the problem of his location. VE5DP is a new comer to these parts. VE5DV and VE5CN are the only live ones in New Westminster and would welcome some skeds. Anyone interested in Amateur Radio would have a nice time and hear some interesting lectures if they would visit the club

house any Tuesday evening.

Traffic: VE5AC 4, VE5AG 8, VE5AL 10, VE5BP 1, VE5AN 6, VE5DV 5, VE5CN 13, VE5HP 3, VE5EC 56,

VE5CE 3. VE5CF 5. VE5DU 5

#### PRAIRIE DIVISION

ANITOBA — SCM, A. V. Chase, VE4HR first hamfest of the season held at station VE4DK was a great success. Some of the gang promised to operate on 3.5 mc. in an endeavor to link up with stations in the East in connection with the Canadian Traffic Route. We now have VE4BQ back with us again, recently returned from the West. VE4JB has been busy moving. An A.C. re-ceiver and a crystal-controlled M.O.P.A. xmitter are on the way at VE4FN. VE4BU-W4UM schedule on 14 mc. has been resumed. VE4DJ is keeping schedules with western stations on 7 mc., and is arranging to link up with reliable eastern stations on this and the 3.5-mc. band. Traffic: VE4DJ 8, VE4BQ 6, VE4BU 5, VE4DK 2,

SASKATCHEWAN - SCM, W. J. Pickering, VE4FC Amateur radio activities are on the increase. The number of stations reporting is better, but can still be improved. Drop your SCM a word, gang. VE4IH says his xmtr is in fine shape for the winter, VE4BB has been hrd in England, VE4GR has just finished coaching a new ham, but the Manitoba Section benefits by his moving to Winnipeg. VE4CV sends in his first traffic report and reports two new hams in Swift Current, VE4DI (whose OW is going after her Amateur ticket), and VE4IL. VE4GO will likely be on again with his new ower supply when you read this. Another new ham is VE4CC at Shellbrook. If you hear him, gang, give him all the assistance you can. VE4AV and VE4FC were out to visit him just recently. VE4JG has been active as a squirrel climbing poles for the City of Swift Current, tying primaries together which were laid flat by their first blizzard of the season. The OM at VE4EI has been working the odd day hunting chickens (the OG says the feathered variety). Hi! Hi! VE4CT, we are sorry to hear, is leaving to join the VE5's in Vancouver. We wish him success in his new position. VE4HL keeps the Sunday ether stirred up and reports wonderful results on 7 mc. VE4CB is expected back on the air shortly with his 852. VE4HY was last heard (of) stuck in the mud at Arcola. VE4AO has changed his place of abode and is busy getting settled. He has a label marked Black and White on his 50 qt. bottle, so listen for the opening (of the station). VE4JS still manages to get the odd QSO and sends

Traffie: VE4BB 9, VE4GR 6, VE4CV 6, VE4IH 11.

#### LATE AND ADDITIONAL REPORTS

KA1HR handled the usual stack of traffic. QM1TB made the BPL on deliveries. W6TM is on again and schedules KAICE, KAIHR and W6ETJ. Watch his smoke! W1AWE is busy as a Radio Service man

Traffic: KA1HR 793, OM1TB 87, W6TM 83.

#### TRAFFIC BRIEFS

Why not revive 3500-kc. DX? That band still has DX possibilities even as it had back in 1924 and '25. Battle Creek, Mich., was reported heard QSA5 R6-7, July 5, 1930, on the 3500-kc. band, by W. A. W. Stevens, Hawera, New Zealand, during a QSO with W8CDT at 12:45 a.m. E.S.T. During the past few months a number of fellows have been reported heard in N. Z. Signals travel both ways. Why not try to QSO N. Z. and other DX on 3500-kc.?



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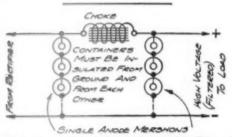
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Federal Convention will take place in Melbourne in October, and delegates from every state will be assembled in conference for the best part of a week beginning October 20th. Incidentally, foreign amateurs who happen to visit Australia on any pretext are assured of a welcome if they will communicate with the Headquarters of any Division in the capital cities. The necessary address can be obtained on application to the Radio Inspector at the central post office for the city. Poor conditions continue for DX work, but there are very definite signs that the approaching spring season is ushering in better ones. It is a pity that there are not more DX contacts attempted on the 3.5-mc. band as conditions above 6-me, are definitely better than below at present.

The 28-mc. band is being systematically explored, and in view of the poor conditions on the other bands, more and more men are being attracted there. VK3CZ had a very interesting Q8L from HAF1G, who reported his 27-mc. signals in Austria. He had discovered immediately after the date of the report that he was outside the band, so that the exact indication is excellent proof of

the accuracy of the reception.

The Victorian Division is holding an amateur exhibition in September which will be given over to a display of amateur work and equipment. It is planned to have I.A.R.U. Headquarters address us through the coöperation of the commercial 'phone stations and we are hoping that the stunt will come off successfully. I think we will just about gain the record for a long distance "attendance" of the H.Q. gang at a local convention, won't we? (And, as was chronicled in this department last month, the affair was carried out very successfully, although 'phone was not used as proposed. Instead, Pres. Maxim pressed a key and opened the exhibition by means of this signal. — C. B. D.)

Ross Hull has gone back to the United States, and while we feel the loss of such an excellent radio man, we are pleased to think that an Australian should receive the honor of a more attractive and lucrative appointment in America.

#### BRITISH NOTES

By J. Clarricoats, Hon. Sec. R.S.G.B.

The Fifth Annual Convention held in London on September 26th and 27th proved an unqualified success. Some 150 members from the British Isles were present at the various meetings, which were presided over by Mr. Gerald Marcuse. The Convention opened at 6 p.m. on September 26th when the President made his opening speech of welcome. This was followed by the announcement of the election of new District Representatives. Messrs. G. W. Thomas, G5YK, and J. W. Mathews, G6LL, then read a paper entitled "The Progress of 28-mc. Transmission and Reception." This paper is being published in the October issue of the T. & R. Bulletin, and can be forwarded to all interested non-members on payment on one shilling.



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At the conclusion of the meeting, two charabanc parties proceeded to visit the stations owned by Messrs. Mathews and Clarricoats. The Saturday programme commenced with a Delegates Meeting presided over by Mr. H. Bevan Swift (Acting Vice-President). Many important decisions were reached, and recommendations made to the full meeting later in the day.

The usual souvenir photograph was taken just prior to the business meeting.

Mr. Marcuse's first duty at this meeting was to present the Society's trophies, each recipient being greeted with acclamation.

The main business meeting dealt with many matters of local R.S.G.B. and B.E.R.U. interest, chief perhaps (as far as our colonial membership is concerned) was the decision to provide a new coat badge incorporating the letters B.E.R.U. One other very important decision was made which will, we believe, prove of immense interest throughout the world. This is the inauguration of an "Empire Radio Week" when every endeavour will be made to work Empire stations. This week will extend from Sunday, February 22nd, to Saturday, February 28th. Full details will be published shortly; meanwhile, suggestions from Colonial groups will be appreciated.

Convention concluded officially with the annual dinner held at Pinoli's Restaurant, Wardour Street, London. At this event a very great surprise was given to the members by the arrival, direct from Jersey by seaplane, of Miss Barbara Dunn, G6YL. This was the first occasion the OM's of the R.S.G.B. had been given an opportunity of meeting our first and only active YL member at one of our National gatherings. During the evening she was presented by the President with the cup she won in the recent 1.7-mc. tests. A further surprise was provided by the Honorary Secretary. Thanks to generous offers made by British radio manufacturers, he was able to offer over 25 valuable prizes to the persons present. The prizes were "drawn for" by the members and presented by Miss Dunn. Twenty-two firms made contributions. The presence of Mr. Drudge-Coates (ex Y-DCR), Mr. Shrimpton (ZL4AO) and Mr. Le Cheminent (VS7AB) added great interest to the gathering, all three gentlemen giving or responding to the toasts of the evening. Mr. Arthur Watts proposed the toast of the Society Overseas, whilst Mr. H. B. Old welcomed the guests. Mr. Gibbs (representing the Daily Mail) responded.

The Society at Home was proposed by Mr. Drudge-Coates and the Honorary Secretary replied.

During the toast speech to the President, given by Mr. Bevan Swift, he presented to Mr. Marcuse a large batch of QSL cards upon which each doner had written "Thanks, OM." as a mark of appreciation for the work he had done on behalf of amateur radio. The final toast of the evening was proposed by Mr. Bevan Swift when he called for all present to show their appreciation of the work carried out by the Honorary Secretary.



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#### He Thought He Would Take the Chance-

Bill, the second op, was just putting the finishing touches on the keying circuit and Jack, the first op, had placed the last power wire in position. "Well, I guess she's about ready to 'perk' now," Bill said. "Yes, looks as if our labors of this past month are beginning to bear fruit. Isn't she a knockout, though?" "Sure enough, but look what it cost you." "Here goes, and may the first QSO be with a foreigner," said Jack as he threw the power switch. Things began to happen. A crackling noise and a thin wisp of smoke seemed to find its way from the middle of the transmitter and Jack literally flew at the power switch and with a wrench that seemed to possess every bit of his anger, sorrow and pathos, disconnected the power from his transformers. But it was too late. "Whew," from Bill, "what happened now?" The words froze on his lips as he noticed the expression on Jack's face. Too often had he heard the sharp staccato cracks of the high voltage breaking through the insulation of his filter condensers. Jack felt downcast. "Happened? The condensers blew out and took the rectifying tubes along with them. There goes a month's work and money." "But how could the condensers blow when they are rated at 2000 volts and the transformer only gives 1500?" Jack looked at him sharpened! I know that, but I thought I'd take a chance on these condensers—they certainly looked good."

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It is not proposed to deal with other matters in this British report because of the space already taken up with the Fifth Annual Convention, but an attempt will be made next month to remedy this omission.

> NEW ZEALAND REPORT By D. Wilkinson, Vice-Pres. N.Z.A.R.T.

This winter has undoubtedly been the poorest on record in New Zealand for DX. Very little has been done during the months of May, June, July and August on either the 14- or 7-mc. bands. The 14-mc. band has been a complete washout, while 7-mc. has been bothering similarly in that DX signal strength has dropped to almost zero after dusk in the evening.

During the lull most of the stations have been concentrating on 3.5-mc. operation, especially with regard to experimental 'phone, and some excellent results have been obtained. Communication with Australia and distance up to about 2000 miles have been covered with even low-powered outfits. At the same time, however, skip distance has been very noticeable this winter on the 3.5me. band in New Zealand, making QSO's within a range of 200 miles very difficult shortly after dark. During the whole year American c.w. and phone stations have been regularly received very well for this band, and everything points to a return of the 1924 conditions next year, with international QSO's once again in the vicinity of 80 meters. ZL2BE has already made a number of contacts with W-stations this winter on this band with a power input of 200 watts, and reception of European stations has been reported.

The DX season is now returning, and during the past few weeks several European contacts have been made on the 7-mc. band in spite of the heavy QRM from W-stations in the early evening. Conditions on 14 mc. are still not of the best, but by the beginning of October should return to normal as indicated by past years.

NORWEGIAN NOTES

By G. H. Petersen, Pres. N.R.R.L.

We want to draw attention to the new address of the N.R.R.L. which is Post Box 2253, Oslo. All correspondence for the N.R.R.L. as well as for members of the Board should be sent to this address. We ask you to kindly direct QSL cars to "NRRL-QSL." Correspondence for any Norwegian amateur will be forwarded. This corrects the information given in the I.A.R.U. News for September, 1930.

Activity is fine, judging from latest reports, and conditions on the two principal bands, 7- and 14-me., are improving. LA1G announces his comeback from a new QRA, and swears by the horizontal Hertz which has brought him QSA 5-reports from all Europe and QSA 3-4 from PY and LU. He is eagerly searching for his old VK and ZL friends now on 14 me. Other stations report good European results.

We have gotten a temporary permit to operate on 3750 kc., chiefly to arrange for some inland relay tests. These will take place on October 29th

# FROM VOQH # Homeward Bound



OUT of the fastnesses of the Arctic, the staunch little schooner "Effie Morrissey" has again snuggled safely into her berth in home waters.

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to November 2nd, and many amateurs are already testing their gear on this wave. Our present permit extends only until the end of November, but all Norwegian transmitters will welcome reports and QSO's in this band, particularly from the more nearby countries, to test the utility of this wavelength for schedules.

#### Amateur Radio at the Eastern States Exposition

(Continued from page 19)

forbear to mention the one day when the station was for a short time transformed into an experimental layout, merely in the hope of slightly increasing the already respectable wallop of the

The filter - which, as you will note by turning to pages in November QST, consisted of a choke coil and electrolytic condenser in a brute force arrangement - was shorted out. After much reviling of the monitor, micrometric adjustment of the angles of antenna coupling coils, hairbreadth changes in the setting of tuning condensers, and careful plotting of the readings shown on W1LI's antenna milliammeter (on which changes of a very few r.f. milliamperes could be read) the set was eventually put on the air at 6:00 p. m. W3PX was called by Blum, chief op, and worked. The note was reported crystal d.c. QSA 5, and W3PX could not be shaken from that description!

Now for heaven's sake, you fellows who are using similar sets, don't set forth immediately to lay a ten-penny nail or a rusty hairpin across the terminals of your filter on the strength of that report! If you do you'll get a.c. and an application of the Wouff Hong as you deserve - nothing more. It takes four cracker-jack ops and a magic potion to make d.c. out of even particularly well behaved rac.

The station log gives us the following data; twenty-five stations were worked - some of them more than once - in seven districts. This was in five days, as the first and last days the station was not on the air. Inasmuch as traffic handling and not DX or an effort to fill the station log was the end in view, the results were eminently satisfactory. All reports were QSA 4 and 5, and operating was confined to daytimes. While the work wasn't spectacular, consideration of the conditions and the times gives one a lot of respect for the lowpowered set.

A large number of messages was originated at the booth during the week, a considerable percentage of which passed through W1MK. RP's assistance in disposing of this traffic was invaluable. Many of the messages were of rubber stamp character, but some were of considerable interest. One of the Springfield papers carried a headline to the effect that flat pocketbooks were replenished through the station, a thought derived from messages requesting more cold cash from the home folks with which to meet the exigencies of existence

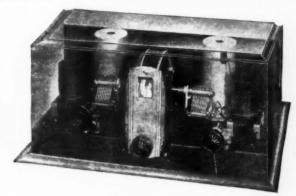
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By this we do not mean to-day that the operation of a small amateur station in a boothat a show or exposition is a new experiment. But the second great purpose, that of instituting and training a class of selected boys in the principles and possibilities of amateur radio, is both new and, as we

have proven, worthwhile.

There is a wonderful opportunity awaiting all of us in the advocating and assisting in work of this sort among boy's clubs and boys as individuals in our vicinities. This has a universal application and is not confined alone to Junior Achievement clubs, but if you have a J.A. club in your vicinity it gives many opportunities for leadership to those trained in or having hobby experience with any of its programs. Those of you who have inclination and ability for such work will gladly be given an opportunity to discuss any angles of it, or have any questions answered, by writing in to Headquarters.

It seems to us that the club plan is one particularly applicable to beginning amateurs. It results in an initial pooling of effort and expense, as well as the profit and pleasure which results. Eventually, of course, each budding club-memberamateur will have his own station on the air, but during the period while he is learning the principles of amateur radio his activities are controlled and guarded sufficiently so he will not be creating unnecessary interference, or becoming any of the other numerous sore spots beginners so readily

become.

From the time he first learns the letter "A" of the code until a sufficiently long time has elapsed since the issuance of his license, he works with help and supervision in the quickest, most efficient way. He always has guidance and counsel when it is most needed, and his mistakes are thereby reduced to a minimum. This means more enjoyment for him in the successful application of his new hobby, and safeguards the interests of other amateurs who might be affected by any prolonged bungling on his part.

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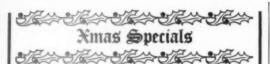
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After Mr. Hebert's speech on Monday, which dealt with amateur radio in general terms, the balance of the week was given over to the consideration of the following units (one each day) as has been mentioned before.

1. The background and tenets of existence of amateur radio, with a review of activities, history and character. Regulations, frequency bands, etc., were explained.

2. The receiver, dealing with practice, construction and elementary theory. For this demonstration the two-tube set shown in the foreground of two pictures was used.

3. The transmitter, with the same points brought out as above, including an explanation of the theory of oscillatory circuits, and the operating theory of rectifier-filter power supply systems. The single-control set and the W1ESE transmitter were used in this lesson for purposes of illustration.

4. Elementary radio theory, of the practical nature permitting understanding of the principles underlying design of capacity-inductance values, antenna lengths, etc.

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W5WN suggests that the panel saw in the July "X" Section can be made to cut circles if the back of the hack-saw blade is cut off with a pair of tin snips. The blades are generally highly tempered only on the side that carries the teeth, the other side being left soft to prevent breakage.

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Francisco, and continuing successively with Standard Electric Co. of California, California Central Gas & Electric Co., and the North Shore Railroad. In 1903 he became the electrical engineer of the Harriman Lines, in 1909 electrical engineer for the Southern Pacific Co. Since 1912 he has been Consulting Electrical Engineer for

Mr. Babcock's participation in general technical activities has been impressive. He is a Fellow and a past vice-president of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers, member and past president of the Engineers' Club of San Francisco. He is a member of the American Association for the Advancement of Science and of the Astronomical Society of the Pacific. In 1924 he represented the United States as principal delegate to the Inter-American Electrical Communications Conference, held in Mexico City. He is an honorary member of La Sociedad Geografica y Estadistica (Mexico). He is a representative of affiliate membership in the Society of Automotive Engineers.

Always of distinctly nautical leanings, Mr. Babcock holds a commission as Lieutenant-Commander in the U.S. Naval Reserve and has had several lengthy cruises with the fleet in active duty. He is an expert amateur navigator, yachtsman and fisherman, and a member of the San Francisco Yacht Club and the Berkeley Country

Club.

In amateur radio he has been equally active. He pounds brass pretty steadily at W6ZD, particularly with Hawaii. Most of his radio efforts, though, necessarily go to his duties as Division Director. He is a vigorous director, keeping closely in touch with affairs through the large Pacific Division, maintaining an extensive correspondence, and frequently visiting the larger centers in person, particularly at the time of conventions and hamfests. Not The Old Man, he is yet one of the elders in the League, both in years and in counsel.

#### The Roanoke Division Convention

ITH real Southern hospitality the Richmond Short Wave Club, through its chairman, "Bob" Eubank, welcomed the delegates attending the first Virginia A.R.R.L. Convention at the Hotel Richmond, Richmond, Virginia on September 19th and 20th. The largest registration was the first day and every minute was taken up with something worthwhile.

The "dutch" lunch at noon on Friday enabled those present to get acquainted and kept the crowd together so that when the afternoon meeting was called to order the Winter Garden room was well filled with an enthusiastic crowd. Chair-Eubank introduced Director Gravely W3BZ, one of the real old timers; one who has

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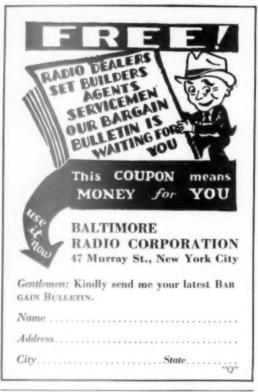
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represented his division so well for many years, Mr. Gravely spoke on the duties of the director and what it means to one to have the constructive cooperation of the members: he then introduced Mr. Chas. H. Stewart, Vice-President of the A.R.R.L., who has looked after the legislative end of the League so efficiently for a long time. Mr. Stewart said he was present to enjoy himself as a "ham" and intended to do so all through the convention and before the convention was over was made a member of the "young squirt" family by Doc. Woodruff, the "Sherlock Holmes" of the Board of Directors. (The young squirt family now consists of Gravely, Stewart and Hebert.) Major W. G. Hawthorne, U. S. Marine Corps, Quantico, Va., and one of the active "hams" in the division under the call-letters of W3AFT, gave a talk on the equipment used by the signal section of the Marines and showed some of the portable transmitters and receivers used in the field. The compactness and ruggedness of the outfits showed careful design and manufacturing. Thanks are due the Major for all his trouble. Fieldman Hebert from Headquarters had brought Ed. Handy's new Dynatron Frequency Meter and did his best to convince the gang of the importance of each amateur station having an accurate measuring instrument. The importance of keeping within our frequency bands cannot be overlooked any more. Mr. M. M. Brisbane, Service Engineer, RCA-Victor, gave a lecture on condenser microphones as used in broadcasting stations. The afternoon ended with Lieut. Wilson, U.S.N.R. showing three reels of movies. Dinner found group after group of fellows who had become real friends together and the air buzzing with ham-talk.

The evening was devoted entirely to an illustrated lecture by L. S. Fox, Engineer, National Carbon Co., on tube construction, and made one appreciate the amount of research work con-

ducted by his firm.

The traffic meeting on Saturday morning was in charge of SCM, J. F. Wohlford, W3CA, and general discussions on Communications Department affairs took place. Lieut. Wilson, U.S.N.R. brought out the benefits to be derived in enrolling in the Reserve, which remarks were supplemented later by Lieut. E. C. Rogers of the Navy. Capt. N. L. Baldwin, the Army-Amateur Liaison Officer from Washington, discussed the importance of the Army-Amateur net now being placed on an efficient basis and with a master control station (WLM and W3CXL) located in Washington. Our fellows should realize more and more the importance of these two services and extend full coöperation. Don Lusk, although an SCM for the Atlantic Division was present with his OW, and that brings to mind there were several OW's and YL's present.

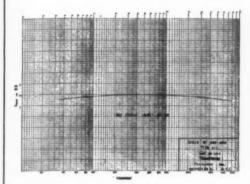
The convention was favored by two representatives from the Radio Division in the persons of Mr. L. C. Herndon, Radio Supervisor and his assistant Mr. G. E. Sterling, of the third district. They were kept busy with examinations.

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air-port where an opportunity was given to examine the Department of Commerce radio beacon and weather station, followed with a visit to Broadcasting Station WRVA, where "Bob" Eubank is the chief operator. The final technical talk took place in the Red Room while the Winter Garden was being prepared for the banquet. Miss Elizabeth M. Zandonini, (our own W3CDQ) from the Radio Division Bureau of Standards. gave an illustrated lecture on the piezo-electric oscillators as used by the Bureau. We are thankful to Dr. Dellinger for permitting Miss Zandonini to bring slides along - for they always help a lecture. There were so many speakers that Doc. Woodruff, W8CMP, did not have an opportunity to speak on "chokes" until the banquet, but as he was the "Roastmaster" he found a chance to give a bully good talk. With a good orchestra and a side "skit" by two pickaninnies the entertainment feature was well carried out during the banquet. With the distribution of prizes as a finale the first Virginia convention came to a close with the gratitude of all present being expressed to the Radio Manufacturers for their donations and to the Richmond Short Wave Club and the convention committee for such a pleasant affair.

A. A. H.

#### Who's Who

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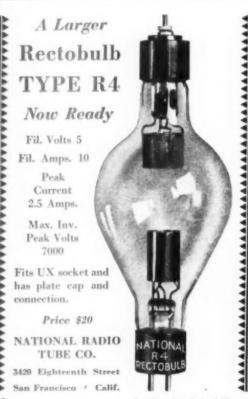
by c.w. Followed a half dozen very active years, during which Mr. Huber was president of the Tipton Radio Club and held a variety of A.R.R.L. positions: O.R.S., O.W.L.S., O.B.S., member X-Section, R.C.C., Asst. Division News Manager, and S.C.M. for Iowa.

These activities and qualifications caused him to be called to headquarters in the spring of 1928 to become Assistant to the Communications Manager. He put in a year and a half at Hartford but felt obliged in 1929 to return home to resume his studies at the University of Iowa, which had been interrupted by the sojourn at headquarters. Brasspounding was now divided between W9YA, the University station, and W9DOA, which had become crystal-controlled in 1927. In the fall of 1929 Mr. Huber was elected director of the Midwest Division, and has represented them this year. He was commissioned Ensign in the U. 8. Naval Reserve and appointed executive officer for Section Eight (Iowa) of the naval communications reserve. Meanwhile he continued active in club work, organizing the Iowa Amateur Radio Club at the university's seat, Iowa City, and having a good share in planning several of the conventions at Ames, annual Midwest Division affairs.

This fall he transferred his activities to Seattle in order to enroll in the School of Journalism at the University of Washington. His unfortunate distance from his division made it seem desirable to him to resign his post as director, as a consequence of which a special election is now in process to choose his successor in the Midwest. Meanwhile he maintains his interest in amateur matters and has become a member of the Seattle

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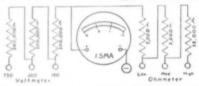
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#### Changes in Regulations

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accordance with the Radio Act of 1927 as amended." The practical effect of this is to take out of the hands of the Supervisors of Radio the actual licensing of amateur stations and to centralize this work for the whole country at the offices of the Commission in Washington. General Saltzman, chairman of the Commission, explains in a letter printed in this month's "Correspondence" that the duty of issuing amateur licenses belongs to the Commission, under the law, and has been but temporarily handled by the Radio Division. The Commission now possessing adequate facilities for doing the work, it now takes it over, as provided in the Radio Act.

The regulations of course continue to provide that normal amateur applications complying with the regulations shall be issued without more ado, and at this writing the issuing and renewal of station licenses is proceeding smoothly and

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Application blanks must still be obtained from the Supervisor, and the filled-in form must still be filed with the Supervisor. It is not to be mailed direct to the Commission. (The Supervisors still issue operator's licenses.) In the past the greatest delay in issuing amateur licenses has been caused by the improper or incomplete execution of the application form. Supervisors have often had to return an amateur's application for correction or to secure missing data. With the forms now going to Washington, such delays will be greater. It is important, then, to make an adequate answer to each question.

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Applications for renewal of station license must be filed with the Supervisor at least thirty days prior to expiration. It is up to the individual amateur to write for the renewal application blanks in time to comply with this requirement. Otherwise a prized call may be lost, and if renewal is not received by the expiration date of the old license, operation must cease until the new one arrives. Remember, too, that both station and operator licenses must be displayed conspicuously in the station. - K. B. W.

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It seems we were a bit too hasty in making that remark about the lack of a tube with a plugin filament in Strays a month or so ago. Don Hawley, of Plant City, Fla., informs us that such a tube was described in one of the popular magazines not long ago. Anyhow this tube is a heatertype gadget, and we were thinking of d.c. tubes!

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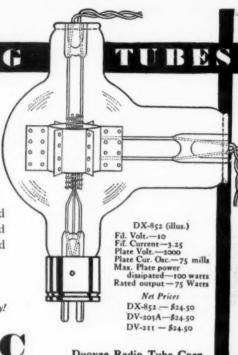
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K. B. WARNER, Secretary.

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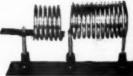
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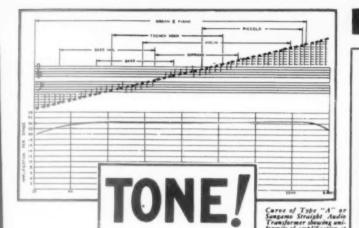
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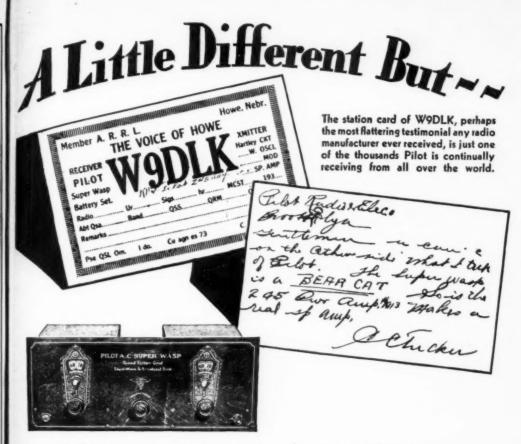
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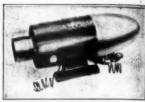








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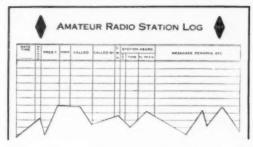
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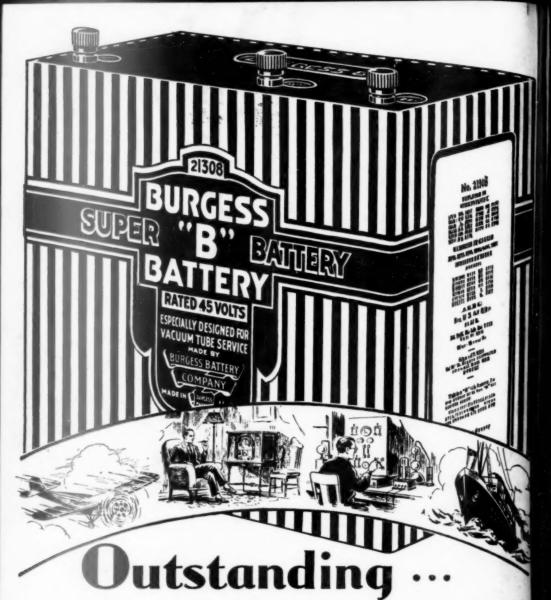
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